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Anson News

Too late for last week

Miss Evelyn Eggleton is visiting friends at West Huntingdon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hoard are laid up with la grippe.

Mr. Frank Mullett of Peterboro, Mr. L. J. Burke and son of Fuller, visited at Mrs. A. McMullen's on Wednesday the 14th.

Mr. John Hubble has sold his farm to Mr. Andrew Hay. Mr. Hubble intends moving to some village at once.

Miss C. E. Skitch and Miss Treadgold of Stirling were guests of Miss M. McMullen on Sunday.

Miss Ethel Wescott of Glen Ross is visiting at Anson postoffice.

Rev. Mr. Walker of Peterboro occupied the pulpit at Mt. Pleasant on Sunday afternoon.

Mt. Pleasant League met on Tuesday last and officers for the coming year were elected. Mr. Gilbert Smith was again chosen as President, Miss Lottie Williams, organist, and a number of new helpers elected. The League is in a prosperous condition and many new members have been added to the roll.

Mrs. Nancy McConnell, who has been visiting her daughter in Guelph, has returned home.

Mr. Will Stewart of Madoc and Misses Priscilla and Margaret Kirby of Ivanhoe were the guests of Miss M. I. McMullen on Sunday last.

Madoc Junction Items

Mrs. E. Irwin of Foxboro spent a day with her mother, Mrs. E. Bennett.

Several from here attended quarterly meeting at West Huntingdon on Sunday last.

Mrs. Fred Faulkner of Halloway has been spending a week with her mother, Mrs. David Eggleton.

Mr. E. Andrews, who has been learning operating here, has gone to visit his parents.

Mrs. A. H. Seeley of Stirling was the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. R. Clarke, one day this week.

Housecleaning is the order of the day.

Bake Fish in Paper

The following method does away with fishy dishes, disagreeable odors, etc.: Clean and wash the fish thoroughly, salt, pepper and flour it inside and out (sparingly) then roll in manila paper at least three times. Pinch the ends of the paper together, then fold back, and pin securely, to prevent the escape of the juices. Bake in a moderate oven, and allow fifteen minutes more than if baking the same fish in a pan. When ready to serve remove the paper, to which the skin will adhere, and place the delicious, juicy meat upon the platter. Garnish as desired.—Woman's Home Companion for May.

Our Daughters--What Are We Teaching Them?

Are we training them to be honest and self-supporting citizens"

Hundreds of employers, harassed and irritated with incompetent, inaccurate, unthinking girl employees, will answer "No!"

Are we training them to be good housewives?

Hundreds of young husbands, wondering why they cannot make both ends of their income meet, will answer as emphatically "No!"

These questions are asked and answered in a series of articles, by well-known writers, the first of which appears in WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION for May.

Friends of Joseph Phillips, who was sentenced two years ago to a term of five years in the penitentiary for embezzlement of the York County Loan and Savings Company's funds, are petitioning for his release.

Among the orchards of the Grand Valley, Colorado, last week, 200,000 smudge pots were kept burning to save the fruit orchards from destruction by frost. North-eastern France is in the grip of an unprecedented cold wave. There has been snowfalls at several places, and it is feared that the fruit crops and vineyards have been seriously damaged.

A Cleveland despatch says a general cut, averaging about twenty-five per cent., was made in long distance telephone rates by the United States Telephone Company on Monday. The new rate goes into effect at once. The company is a merger of practically all the independent companies in the middle states. The reduction is said to be the first step in the competition to be waged against the Bell Company.

A tickling or dry cough can be quickly loosened with Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy. No opium, no chloroform, nothing unsafe or harsh. Sold by J. S. Morton.

Wellman's Corners

The W. M. S. of this place held their annual meeting at the church on Wednesday afternoon, April 28th. There were ten members and one visitor present. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. J. Maybee; Vice-Pres., Mrs. (Rev.) W. H. Clarke; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Jas. Park; Fin. Sec. and Treas., Mrs. H. Fanning; Organist, Mrs. B. Totton. The meeting was a very interesting one. Mrs. B. Totton and Miss Rainnie gave a duet and Mrs. H Fanning an appropriate reading. The retiring president, Mrs. E. Maybee, heartily thanked the members and others for the support and co operation given her in the work. Twenty-five cards of coppers were handed in. During the year $144 were sent to the branch treasurer, and a large box of clothing was sent to the poor in Toronto. Mrs. G. Maybee and Mrs. H. Fanning were appointed as delegates to the district convention at Havelock. The program was arranged for the next meeting.

The Epworth League had a very pleasant session on Tuesday evening. The topic, "The establishment of missions in the early history of Canada," was well given by Mrs. W. S. Dracup, and was followed by a short discussion. Mr. Evans contributed a fine solo, and Miss Iva Reid gave an interesting missionary reading.

Thomas, the little four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Matthews, died of acute indigestion after an illness of only one day. He was a bright little fellow, and much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents and family.

Miss Evelyn Matthews is still quite ill.

Miss Mary Matthews was home from Peterboro to attend the funeral of her little brother, which took place at Burnbrae on Tuesday, the 4th.

There was no service here on Sunday on account of the communion service at Bethel.

Mr. Lewis Goodmurphy, who has been the guest of Mr. B. Nix, has returned to his home in Consecon.

Mr. Hugh Morton will soon be moving to his new home, and will commence the butchering business as soon as he is settled.

Wanda, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Brennan, died on Tuesday night after only a few hours' illness. She was a beautiful child several months old and the family have the warmest sympathy of the community.

Spring Brook

In last week's issue it should have read Dr. McKechnie's baby, instead of himself.

Wedding bells are in the air. June is an ideal month. Who will be the first?

Owing to so much wet weather spring work is progressing very slowly. Some who sowed grain early have found it is rotting in the ground.

Mr. G. L. Burkitt is building a cement veranda and walk, which makes a great improvement to the premises.

Mr. Jas. Morton, blacksmith, expects to move to Regina in a few weeks.

Mr. N. White is on the sick list.

Presentation to Miss Skitch

Miss C. E. Skitch, who has been in charge of the second department of the Public School for the past two years, and whose resignation took effect on May 1st, was the recipient of the following address and accompanying gift from her pupils on Friday afternoon last. The address was read by Nellie Chambers and the presentation made by Helena Boldrick. Miss Skitch left on Monday for Marmora, where she is engaged as a supply teacher in the Public School.

To Miss Skitch, Teacher of Intermediate Department.

As you are about to sever your connection with us as teacher, we, the pupils of the Public School of Stirling, wish to extend to you our appreciation of what you have done for us. You will be missed very much from our midst, both in school and out of school.

Those of us who have been privileged to have you as teacher, know your true worth best. The memory of your faithful adherence to the path of duty, your untiring devotion to us, your enthusiastic manner, shall be an incentive to us to aspire to higher things.

That your future may be filled with happiness and success is the sincere wish of your pupils. As a token of our esteem and good will we ask you to accept this set of china. We hope that while it may be of service to you it may also recall many pleasant recollections of the days spent together.

Signed in behalf of the school,
AGNESS MORTON
GETRA MATTHEWS
HELENA BOLBRICK
EVELYN MOORE.

The license commissioners of Toronto have cut off forty-one licenses. This is in accordance with the vote of the people last January, when the license reduction by-law was carried, reducing the number of licneses in the city to one hundred and ten.

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A HOSIERY SALE

'Tis needless to tell you about the vast and varied stock of Hosiery we always carry in plain and fancy, in value unsurpassed; but here are a few extra special Bargains:

Men's heavy every-day Cotton Socks, the 15c. line.....On sale at 10c. pair
Men's fine black Cotton Socks, the 25c. line.....On sale at 2 pair for 25c.
Women's plain Cotton Hose, the 15c. line.....On sale at 10c. pair
Women's and Boys' heavy ribbed Cotton Hose, 20 and 25 ct. lines.....On sale at 15c. pair

Special Handkerchief Sale

Our Handkerchief values are always specially good, but here are a few extra specials:

10 doz. Men's large size, mercerized silk finish, fancy borders, regular 15c.....On sale at 10c. each
15 doz. Ladies' plain, pure Irish linen, regular 10c.....On sale at 5c. each

Big Values in Ladies' Waists

Our regular lines are exceptionally good value this season, and styles are equally attractive, but here mention is made of a few extras:

5 doz. White Waists in several designs, regular $1.25 ..On sale at $1.00
3 doz. Sample Waists, in Net, Silk and Lawn, all size 36
—$7.50 Waists for $5.00 — $6.00 Waists for $4.00
—$5.00 " $3.50 — $3.50 " $2.50
—$2.00 " $1.25

Grocery Eye-Openers

Buy 6 bars of Richards' Pure Soap for 25c., and have a guess at the weight of the big bar of Soap in the window. Nearest guess wins a Ladies' gold-filled Watch, value $15.00, 10 year guarantee.

500 pkgs. 10-cent Seeded Raisins of best quality, on sale at 5 cts. pkg. of full 12 oz. weight.

Our Sewing Machine Club ....for May....

This is your opportunity to secure a guaranteed Sewing Machine cheap, and on easy payments without interest charges.

Modern drop-head Machines, sold at from $20.00 to $35.00, regular selling price $30.00 to $50.00.
Pay $2.00 down, and $1.00 per week thereafter until payment is complete. No extra charges.

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LIKE TOWERS OF STRENGTH

Undeveloped Forces in Christians Is Here Pointed Out.

Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward.—Exodus xiv. 15.

When the command of this text was spoken by Moses to the Israelites they were shut in completely. High mountains on either side, before them the great deep sea, behind them an embittered, cruel, determined foe. Calmly Moses is bidden by God to speak into the children of Israel that they go forward. You remember how that sea became a safe pathway to freedom and a fuller knowledge of a divine providence and grace. So God's forward call to-day to the undeveloped forces within us, if obeyed in as firm a faith, will be crowned with as marvelous results.

In putting into service these undeveloped forces of Christian manhood and womanhood, remember that the years of preparation or of slow progress in attaining our ideals or of apparent bitter defeat and failure are not lost to us. Much is accomplished in these struggles of the soul which only God and the individual really ever know. We may judge ourselves are only doing the little things,

THE HIDDEN THINGS,

yet if these be well done like towers of strength, we will rise and be enabled to do greater things afterward for God.

Remember, too, that God's call for the undeveloped forces of Christian manhood and womanhood bespeaks the exalted purpose of real life, viz., to remove obstructions. The ignorant and the indolent may hinder by standing in the way of God's plans and purposes for the betterment of humanity. But the office of a true man is to use all his accumulated knowledge in making the pathway of life pleasant, peaceful and prosperous. Even as Jesus Himself sought to make it so for every man.

We may use our knowledge upon the undeveloped forces of nature and find profit therefrom; but when we have used our acquirements in benefiting the bodies and souls of our fellow beings, so that afterward they rise up and declare we helped them, we have achieved the most exalted of all services.

Three things will aid in going forward in spite of every difficulty. Stronger faith in the word of our Master. To live well is no easy task but to attempt to live without the sincerest faith in the living Christ, within us and above us, is to curtail life of its powers and to draw the curtain of destiny. Another inspiration is more earnest conviction of personal duty. Christ speaks to us and asks for our service in behalf of a world. Love for Christ and for humanity is

ANOTHER INSPIRATION.

The poor, the neglected, the sore in heart, the helpless ought to find in us their truest friends, as we seek for opportunity to overcome in the difficult places of life. Such strong men and women God is continually calling into His service and blessing their obedience. Such, too, the world appreciates and honors. The greatest one who ever trod this earth declared of Himself, "I am among you as one that serveth." "I do always those things which please Him." When you and I have pleased God with our lives, when we have done what He would have us do we have emphasized the fact that the Christian life is only worth the living when it is lived well.

REV. ANDREW HAGEMAN.

THE S. S. LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, MAY 9.

Lesson VI. Paul's First Missionary Journey. Golden Text, Acts 13: 49.

Introduction.—The events we are to study are an illustration in actual life of the parable of the sower—the good ground, the stony and thorny ground. They show what is constantly occurring whenever Christ is urged upon men, the separation of the hearers into acceptors and rejecters. What Paul met at Antioch in Pisidia he met everywhere he went on his missionary journeys, and all missionaries, preachers, and Christian teachers have met the same experience ever since.

I. Paul's Opportunity.—Vs. 13-16. What significant change shows Paul's prominence in the work? Hitherto (see Acts 13: 7, etc.) it had been "Barnabas and Saul"; now it is "Paul and Barnabas" (vs. 43, 46), or Paul and his company, including Barnabas, John Mark, and perhaps others. Paul's ability as a leader had been proved at Cyprus, and was afterwards unquestioned.

Illustration. Thus when Pizarro set forth on his second expedition to Peru, the governor, Pedrarias, in spite against the great discoverer, named Almagro as his equal in command; but events speedily proved who was the real commander-in-chief.

II. Paul's Testimony.—Vs. 17-39. This address of Paul's is one of the longest and most important recorded specimens of apostolic preaching. See Inductive Study 3. What we have is doubtless a condensation of the full address.

What was the subject of the sermon? Jesus Is the Promised Messiah.

What was its text? V. 10 of Psa. 16, "which was probably the Scriptural lesson of the day." Quoted in v. 35. He also quoted Psa. 2: 7 in v. 33; Isa. 55: 3 in v. 34; and Hab. 1: 5 in v. 41. It was a Scriptural discourse.

What was the course of its argument? He began as the martyr Stephen had begun, in that speech that was imprinted on Paul's memory.

III. Receiving the Truth.—Vs. 42-44. What impression was made by Paul's sermon? "After the sermon the preacher might be questioned and a discussion follow. But it is evident from the revised text, which is quite certain, that the apostles did not stay for this. Paul, we remember, was suffering from an infirmity, the sermon must have been a great effort, and 'they went out' (v. 42) of the synagogue at once." But even as they were passing through the crowd, the congregation besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.

IV. Rejecting the Truth.—Vs. 45-52. But Antioch, it seems, had bad ground hearers as well as good ground hearers. Paul's preaching, as he told the people of Corinth (2 Cor. 2: 16), was to some "a savor from life unto life," but to others "a savor from death unto death."

What was the cause of the hostility that arose against Paul? Envy (jealousy), when the Jews saw the multitudes (of Gentiles). The Jewish leaders were angry (1) because others and strangers did what they could not do themselves; (2) because they differed from Paul's teaching, and especially his application of the Messianic hopes to the condemned and crucified Jesus; (3) because they themselves felt condemned by such warnings as those in vs. 40, 41; (4) because, though they would be pleased if the Gentiles would become Jewish proselytes by conformity to circumcision and other requirements, they objected strenuously to their admission on easier terms, such as Paul proposed.

V. What is My Attitude Toward Truth? This question is of fundamental importance. The lesson illustrates four ways of answering it: (1) John Mark's way, following the truth while the road is easy, but deserting it when it becomes disagreeable and dangerous; (2) Paul's way, following the truth at all hazards, eagerly and joyously, wherever it leads; (3) the way of the Antioch Jewish leaders, opposing the truth when it offends their pride and self-esteem and prejudices; (4) the way of the Gentile converts, accepting the truth readily and humbly, and publishing it abroad.

NEAR DELICACIES.

The mother of a delicate Lancashire girl, who seemed to be suffering from loss of appetite and general debility, called in a physician, who, to tempt the patient to eat, prescribed a few oysters and a little champagne.

"Where do you suppose I'll get money to pay for luxuries like oysters and champagne?" demanded the mother.

The doctor shrugged his shoulders, knowing that many of the Lancashire miners earn good wages, and often spend a fair amount of them.

"In an extreme case like this," he suggested, "it would not be extravagance."

Some days later he met the mother, and made inquiries for the girl. "I hope she is better," said he.

"Well, she isn't" replied the mother. "She's lots worse."

"Worse?" repeated the doctor, in surprise. "I thought she would begin to pick up. Did you give her what I prescribed?"

"Well, not exactly," said the mother, "but I give 'er the nearest the likes of us could afford. I give 'er cockles and ginger beer.

THE MEANING OBVIOUS.

Teacher—"What is the meaning of the phrase, 'A well-read man?"

The usual silence, when, after a short while, Stub McGuff raises his hand.

Teacher—"Well, McGuff, what is the meaning?"

Stub—"A healthy Indian."

DISCOVERED BY BLACKS.

Diamond Mines Originally Located by Aborigines.

It now transpires that the new diamond mines in German South-West Africa were discovered in the first instance by natives. For some time past blacks at Capetown and elsewhere have been occasionally found to be in possession of stones that could not have come either from Kimberley on the Transvaal, and it was shrewdly suspected that they obtained them from some unknown mine in German territory. The surmise turns out to be correct.

It is a curious fact that, unlike gold mines, nearly all the famous mines of precious stones have been originally located by the aborigines of the countries in which they are situated.

Thus the now world-famou Jagersfontein diamond fields were accidentally stumbled upon by a Kaffir who was following up the spoor of a wounded Buffalo. His story of the find was not believed, whereupon he went there again and returned with a stone weighing over 200 carats.

About the year 1871, again, another native prised up a big diamond while digging with a knife for tubers on the veldt near Bulfontein. He told everybody he met of his find, and, the locality being easily accessible, there quickly sprang up a diggers' town, which was first christened "New Rush," then "Colesberg Kopje," and finally Kimberley, after the then Colonial Secretary.

Then, too, there was the case of the famous Bahia diamond mines, discovered by a native peon named Felix Gonzales. He was tending some sheep, when he noticed that one of them refused to graze. He caught it and examined its mouth, to try and discover, if possible, the cause of its refusal.

He found it in the shape of a diamond of exceptional size, which had become fixed between the animal's two front teeth. Since then more that $50,000,000 worth of gems in question have been unearthed in the locality.

BABY-NAMING IN CEYLON.

Cingalese Children Take Name of Birthplace.

The ceremony of naming a baby in Ceylon is quite a picturesque and important affair. A richly draped altar, adorned with the figure of Buddha and with vases containing flowers, is placed in the centre of a platform. An ode having been chanted, the procession enters the room. At the head are two Buddhist priests, in yellow robes embroidered with gold. Behind the priests a boy follows, carrying and disporting themselves. These under a loose canopy the mother walks, clad in a rose-colored skirt, with a loose white robe over her shoulders. She is accompanied by her sister-in-law, who carries the baby, all in white, and another Cingalese woman. Devil-dancers, stick-dancers and other performers bring up the rear, chanting and disporting themselves. These squat in two diverging lines near the altar, in front of which the mother sits upon a stool, the other two women sitting upon cushions before the altar, while the priests recite an ode. The head priest now advances to the front of the altar, and proceeds to sprinkle rose-leaves upon the mother and child. Then follows an invocation: "Buddha wishes the child health, wealth and prosperity; trusting that she (or he) will have no enemies, but have good fortune, and be a comfort to her (or his) parents to a great age." The child is then named after the town in which it was born. Rose-leaves are again sprinkled over the child, and the mother receives from the priest a scroll. Then, bowing three times, the mother resumes her seat, and the whole company seat themselves to watch the performance of the dancers.

FOURTH DAY IN WEEK.

Considered Unlucky by the Romans and Jews.

Among the Jews the fourth day of the week was considered an unlucky day for maidens to wed, and the fifth for widows. The Romans also believed that certain days were unfavorable for the performance of the marriage rite, those being the Nones and Ides of each month, also February and May, and many of their festival days. June was considered the most propitious month for matrimony, while May was to be specially avoided, as it was supposed to be under the influence of spirits inimical to happy households. This superstition prevailed for centuries in Italy, and also is even now prevalent in some parts of England, and marriages in May are prohibited in China. There was one time a prejudice against marrying on "Innocents' Day," the twentieth-eigth day of December, said to commemorate Herod's massacre of children.

The dolphin is the fastest swimmer. Its speed varies from thirty to forty miles an hour.

The Home

CURTAIN CHATS.

Unbleached Muslin Curtains.—Pretty curtains can be made of unbleached muslin stenciled with oil paints. To set the color, thin the paints with turpentine, vinegar, and lemon extracts in the following proportion: To three ounces of turpentine add twelve drops of vinegar and four drops of lemon extract. When the curtains are finished, press with a warm iron. Before laundering soak over night in salt water, wash with a white soap. Do not boil. Starch and iron before entirely dry.

To Renew Colored Borders.—I have some colored bordered lace curtains (they match the walls in the rooms where they are used). They became faded from the sun. I took stencil paint to match original colors, and brushed and traced the borders where faded, and find they look almost as nice as new. E. C.

Mending Lace Curtains.—Buy a bolt of the braid the proper width and baste on by following the pattern and sew on by machine. Wash and stretch and when dry cut out the edges that were torn by stretching them, and your curtains will look like new ones and last as long again.

How to Starch Curtains.—If you use flour in place of starch you will be surprised to see how pretty it makes curtains look, and they stay clean and stiff longer than with lump starch.

Curtains for Hall or Bathroom.—A pretty curtain for hall or bathroom window is made from a piece of common floor matting (a pretty design) the size of the window or door, as the case may be. Tack one selvedge edge to the top of window or middle way, wherever you choose, and cut the lower edge off about one-half inch. Cut the warp that weaves the matting, and unravel it the length of the window, leaving two threads of the wrap at the top to hold it in place. It hangs full, and any one from the outside cannot see in, but the insiders can see out. Just try it.

STEP SAVERS.

To Sugar Doughnuts.—To sugar doughnuts, put a few at a time in a sack with a cupful of powdered sugar, hold the sack shut with one hand, and strike it on the bottom quickly with theother hand, and this will make them look like snowballs.

Grating Cheese.—When grating cheese or anything similar by laying the grater flat down on a piece of white paper the particles do not fly about as when it is held upright. The particles are all confined under the grater and are so easily poured from the paper.

Crackers Always Ready.—Buy a box of crackers, cover box with dark green crape paper, and keep box on back of stove. You will always (at a moment's notice) have crisp, warm crackers. When box is empty, buy crackers in bulk and fill up box. Never serve crackers unless they are crisp and warm.

To Clean Mushrooms.—Instead of paring with a knife soak for half an hour in cold water, then take a stiff hand brush and brush off tops and you will be surprised at the result. In this way there is no waste and it is done in half the time.

Use Newspaper for Kindling.—Get some lump resin, pound it in a bag fine, sprinkle a little on a newspaper, twist the paper in stove lengths. Use the same as you would any kind of wood to start a fire.

TESTED RECIPES.

Chile Con Carne.—Pick over and wash two cups red kidney beans. Soak over night and cook in same water until thoroughly done. In the meantime boil a large soup bone of beef until the meat is tender, then remove the meat from the bone and chop fine. Return the chopped meat to the soup in which it was boiled and add the beans, two medium size onions, cut up fine, one pint tomatoes, and two red peppers. Season with salt and boil for an hour. Serve hot with crackers.

Walnut Macaroon.—One and one-half cup of sugar, one-third cup of butter, three eggs, three cups of flour, one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in water, one teaspoonful of cloves, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, one cup of English walnuts, one cup of chopped dates. Do not roll the mixture as in ordinary cookies but drop into a greased pan with a teaspoon.

To Improve Mashed Potatoes.—Mash potatoes well and when adding seasoning put in a pinch of baking powder. Stir and whip well. The potatoes will be improved 100 per cent.

Escalloped Ham.—Make a rich milk gravy, season with salt, pepper, and butter; put into a baking dish a large ground smoked ham, cooked or uncooked; a layer of crackers crumbs, a layer of hard boiled eggs, sliced thin, and a layer of the gravy; repeat, and on top put a layer of cracker crumbs and butter. Bake until a nice brown.

SHIRTWAIST HELPS.

Shirtwaist Belts.—Don't cut a belt for a shirt waist on the length of the material because it will shrink. Cut all belts on the cross of the goods. Collar bands and wrist bands should also be cut on the cross of the goods. Don't work vertical buttonholes in the box plait or fly of ashirt waist. They will stretch as soon as there is the slightest strain on the waist and the buttons will slip out easily. Work the buttonholes crosswise. The only exception to this rule should be made when shirt suds are used instead of buttons. In that case the buttonholes on left side of waist should be vertical and on the right side horizontal.

Dress Shield Loops.—A better and more convenient way than sewing or pinning dress shields in a shirt waist is to make a buttonhole loop across the end of each shield and tie it into the waist with narrow tape that has been sewed to the binding of the armholes.

FARMER CAUGHT OTTER.

Managed to Take it Alive and Sent it to the Laird.

Towards the eastern shore of one of the many lochs that cut up the coast line of Argyllshire, and parallel to it, run a chain of islands. On one of those islands (says a writer in the Scotsman) there is a small colony of otters, and now and then one or two are seen on or near them. Some years ago some friends and myself observed about a dozen—old and young—swimming together. The cubs tried to get ashore, but the old otters got between them and the land and kept them out till seeing us they all got alarmed and disappeared.

Once as we rowed up the loch we saw a shepherd standing among the rocks on one of the larger islands. We were a good distance from him, and did not see what he was looking at, but a few days afterwards he told us he was watching three otters that had come ashore and were playing below him when he passed.

Last autumn a farmer looking after his sheep on one of the islands sent a dog down among the rocks to see that no sheep had got into trouble there. The dog had a habit of barking when he found a sheep in a hole, and hearing him bark the farmer went down and found he had "rounded up" a young otter, and was keeping it at bay in a small clump of herbage. It would have been easy to kill it, but to get alive was quite another matter.

Taking his cap off, the farmer rolled his hand up in it and caught the otter by the neck, but had hard work holding on, as it wriggled and bit and scratched, making a great fight for liberty.

On getting home, the farmer put the otter into a box, and sent it by special messenger to the laird, who was very anxious to get a live otter, and was delighted with it. The messenger hoped to have some quiet enjoyment when the keeper took it out, but that keeper knew something about otters, and arranged things so that the otter went itself from the box to its new home.

DANDELIONS AND MILK.

Will Investigate to Find if They Increase Yield of Milk.

A Belgian investigator has been looking into the correctness or incorrectness of the somewhat popular belief among farmers that dandelions increase the yield of milk, and that in consequence they are rather desirable forage than otherwise. He claims that this belief is incorrect, and is founded wholly on the false analogy suggested by the milky juice of the dandelion. Furthermore, he asserts that dandelions in large numbers have a deleterious effect on the quality of butter, and is one among the causes which make it difficult to get butter of a fine flavor and good keeping qualities in spring and early summer. Hay which has large quantities of dandelions in it has a similar effect, he says, and he advises farmers to weed their pastures whenever it is practicable to do so.

WIND POWER.

The attention of English farmers is called by Mr. T. F. Yeats to the advantages of power from the wind for a large variety of purposes where fuel-fed engines are now used. Wind costs nothing after the motor has once been set up, and Mr. Yeats believes that since a strong breeze is seldom absent on the English coasts, wind motors could be employed for lighthouses, and perhaps for lighting coast towns. Even in the interior, he thinks, a modern wind motor can be depended upon to work 8 hours out of the 24. On farms there are many things which can wait for the wind, and when it comes be economically done, even while the farmer sleeps, or turns his attention to something else.

SHORT-SIGHTED PUPILS

60,000 WITH DEFECTIVE VISION IN LONDON.

Startling Report to the Council — School Children Also Need Dentists.

It is computed that about 60,000 children in the London, England, schools suffer from defective vision. This was only one of the many startling statements contained in a report of the Education Committee, presented to the London County Council recently. The report was the work of a sub-committee appointed to inquire into the ailments of children.

Of the cases of defective vision the hospitals could only deal with a small portion, and the number of cases involved a serious strain on them. In addition, it was stated, the bulk of the children affected did not apparently obtain advice.

The teeth of the London school children are also in an extremely unsatisfactory state.

An examination has been made of the children at the Michael Faraday School, Walworth, and at the open air school at Bostall Woods, which disclosed the fact that at least 90 per cent of them urgently needed dental treatment, and other examinations gave similar results.

26,766 LOST ATTENDANCES.

Another disease very prevalent in the schools is ringworm, which was "common all over London," and kept the pupils affected from school for months, and, in some cases, even for years.

Twelve schools, taken at random in various parts of London had lost 26,766 atendants from this cause in twelve months. This number represented an average annual loss of 2,950 pupils—or a loss of grant amounting to £5,654 a year.

NEW METHOD SUCCESSFUL.

One encouraging feature was the success of the new method of treatment—by means of the Rontgen rays, which was found to be effective in all ordinary cases.

This treatment (an exposure to the rays lasting from an hour to an hour and a half, and costing from 5s. to 7s. 6d. a head) proved sufficient to deal with the cases and reduce the period of absence from school to about four months.

In asking the council to adopt the report, Mr. Cyril Jackson said that the most recent figures showed that there were 2,706 children now in the schools suffering from ringworm.

DISCOURAGES GRANT.

The Prime Minister, he regretted, had given a discouraging answer to the request for grants; that was a pity when so much illness had been disclosed in the schools.

A proposal made by Mr. Hayes Fisher that the Education Committee should report on the desirability of obtaining an amending act to give the council power to recover the cost of treatment for their children from parents who were in a position to pay was, after some discussion, adjourned until the week following.

ABOLISH KISSING OF BOOK.

New Bill Provides For Simpler Form of Oath.

Even simpler than the Scottish witness' oath, repeated with uplifted hand after the judge, will be the declaration of witnesses after October 1, if Mr. Bramsden's Oaths Bill, which passed through committee of the British House of Commons recently, becomes law.

It prescribes that the witness (unless he object or lack an arm to hold up) shall take the oath thus:

"The officer administering the oath shall address the person taking the oath in the following form: You, A. B., swear by Almighty God, that,' and then proceed with the words of the oath prescribed by law, omitting any words of imprecation or calling to witness; and the person taking the oath shall, with uplifted hand, say, 'I do.'"

Thus apparently witnesses will have to ask to kiss the Book before that alternative is even suggested to them

MOST FATAL MALADY.

In Boston, in 1908, Pneumonia Claimed 3,000 Victims

Lecturing at the Harvard Medical school, Dr. Elliott P. Joslin declared that pneumonia was the most fatal malady in Boston in 1908, claiming 3,000 victims, heart disease ranking second in this regard and the "white plague" coming third. Pneumonia affects all ages, and about 25 per cent. of the cases result fatally. It is not usually contracted from a cold, as is generally supposed, said Dr. Joslin, but develops from bad physical or hygienic conditions and from exposure. It is contagious in that one may catch it by breathing in the atmosphere where there is a pneumonia patient in the vicinity.

And many a man who looks wise and says nothing is unable to make good.

THE MYSTERIOUS KEY

OR, PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE.

CHAPTER II.

With a sharply indrawn breath, Gerald turned to the table, took up Miss Winchester's letter, and began to unfold it.

"I had almost forgotten it," he said wearily; "but I will read it aloud, for you will be interested in its contents."

"Perhaps there may be some things in it which I should not hear," Lady Bromley gently objected. "If there was any vital secret in connection with your mother's marriage to Mr. Brewster, it may be as well for it to remain such to every one but yourself."

"How thoughtful you always are!" Gerald replied, and bending an appreciative look upon her. "You have always been so good to me I find myself turning to you in every emergency, almost as naturally as I would if you were my mother."

"Thank you, Gerald, for that assurance, and I trust that you will always allow me to act as such in so far as I may. I am sure that our fondness for each other is mutual," responded his companion, with evident emotion.

"Then I shall have no secrets from you," he smilingly returned; "so I will follow my first impulse and read Aunt Honor's letter to you. Sit here," he added, placing a comfortable rocker for her, and then, when she was seated, he brought the dismantled Winchester heirloom and placed it before her.

"Put your feet upon this sacred repository—for as such I shall henceforth regard it—and take your ease. How this poor relic has fretted me every time I have packed my trunk! But now it could not be purchased from me for its weight in gold, and very soon we will have it made over into a fitting ornament for your room."

Then, drawing another chair opposite her, he began to read from Miss Winchester's letter.

"My dear boy," was the tender form of address, "I do not know when, if ever, this will meet your eyes, for I am greatly exercised in my mind as to the wisdom of unraveling for you the mystery which from your birth has enshrouded your life. You are far too young to be told anything about it at present, and yet I am impelled to write out the history of your mother and your origin, together with certain data and events, which may possibly become very valuable to you some time in the future, and would otherwise be utterly lost—swallowed in oblivion by some unforeseen happening to myself. If we should both live until you attain your majority, I should then feel it my duty to tell you everything, and allow you to make such use of your knowledge as you might deem best. If, on the other hand, I should be taken from you before that time, the story would be ready for you, and I should doubtless have warning sufficient to tell you where to find it, together with the record of your birth. I am not your own aunt, Gerald—you are not my brother William's child, as I have allowed you to believe. That was only a harmless fiction, to silence curious questions and gossiping tongues. He was the captain of a sailing-vessel, and died of fever on a homeward passage from South America. Your father also went across the sea, but no one has ever known why he never came back again to his wife. Your mother was Miriam Harris, the only child of my sister, who, against the wishes of her family, married Arthur Harris, a poor but talented musician. Their home was in New Haven, and when Miriam was seventeen years old her mother died very suddenly, of hemorrhage of the lungs. Her death broke her husband's heart, and he never seemed to have any courage to battle with the world afterward, and late the following winter he also passed away, after a brief struggle with that terrible enemy, pneumonia. This left Miriam entirely alone, and I offered her a home with me—I was at that time living in a neighboring town—but for some reason, unknown to me then, she preferred to remain in the city, and continue her music-teaching, which, however, barely gave her a living. She was one of the loveliest girls I ever saw, peculiarly refined in person and manner, and possessing a sweetness of temper that made her irresistible to almost every one. She told me that she should still keep the old home, which greatly astonished and displeased me, for I felt that the rental of it would materially add to her income; while I also felt that it was no right for a girl of her years to live alone. Later, I understood the strange freak and her obstinacy, as I then regarded her decision. The summer following the death of her father, which had occurred early in December, I realized that the girl's own health was failing, and again I urged her to break up housekeeping and come to me. She still refusel, and seemed strangely nervous and troubled when I pressed the matter; she even appeared to be restless and uncomfortable during the little visit I was making her, and I accordingly shortened it, returning to my own lonely home earlier than I had intended. I neither heard from nor saw her again until early in winter, when, one cold, stormy day, the child suddenly appeared before me, looking very ill and wretched. I realized at once that she was in no ordinary trouble; but I took her to my heart and bade her confide everything to me. Then I learned the reason of her strange behaviour, and her persistence in living alone in the home that had always been hers. She had been a wife since the month of April previous! A young man—Adam Brewster, by name, and a student at Yale—had been attentive to her some time previous to the death of her father. He had taken lessons on the violin from Professor Harris, as a blind, and for the sole purpose of enabling him to woo and win the heart of his lovely daughter. Mr. Harris did not approve of his attentions, and had openly discouraged them; but, immediately following his death, young Brewster persuaded her to marry him secretly—at least, their relations were to remain a secret only until his college course was ended, which would be the following summer, when he would immediately establish himself in business, and then take her to a home such as he wished her to occupy——"

"Oh! how strange!" suddenly broke forth Lady Bromley, in a voice of such intense pain that Gerald turned to her in astonishment.

"I—I mean how strange it is that girls will allow themselves to be drawn into such snares," she hastened to explain, while she struggled to regain her self-control. "Why cannot they have sufficient resolution and moral courage to say 'no'—to be firm to resist temptation, and tell their lovers that when they are ready to give them their rightful place in the world as honored wives, then they will give their hand in marriage? Oh! a secret marriage is a selfish and cowardly thing for any man to urge upon an innocent maiden, and many a one has had her happiness ruined for life by weakly yielding to her lover's persuasions."

"Yes, I believe that is true," said Gerald thoughtfully.

He understood now that her ladyship must have been startled by learning that the circumstances attending the union of his father were so like the experience of her own marriage to Sir Charles Bromley; but he could not quite comprehend, in view of its happy outcome, why she should be so exceedingly bitter against the manner of it.

"Excuse me for interrupting you," she continued, smiling; "I spoke almost before I realized what I was saying."

Gerald turned to his letter and resumed:

"So Miriam trusted him fully; but upon the very day of her husband's graduation, he received a letter from his father, who was a wealthy banker of New York, summoning him immediately home—telling him that his mother, who at that time was in Paris—was on the point of joining a party to Norway, Sweden, and the North Cape, provided she could have a proper escort. The elder Brewster was unable to go himself, but insisted that Adam was to start at once in his place. The trip, he stated, would occupy about three months, and would be a pleasant change for the young man, who for so long had been closely confined to his studies. He also said that he had already cabled his mother that he would sail on the next steamer, so there was no time to lose. The young husband rebelled outright against this arbitrary command, but more against the prospective separation from his wife; but she, ever generous and considerate of others, advised him to do as his father wished, saying that she would do well enough for the little while that he would be absent—three months would soon slip away, and she would be there in the old home, to welcome him back upon his return. Adam Brewster realized but too well that it would be a very inopportune moment to confess his marriage and plead that he did not want to leave his wife; he was entirely dependent upon his father, and he felt that if he should be thrown upon his own resources, he would have a tough struggle for existence. His plan, so he said, had been to get him to establish him in some paying enterprise, when, once settled upon a firm foundation, he would tell the truth, and introduce his bride. If he hoped to yet carry out this project, he knew he must obey his father, and so he consented to the tour abroad.

"He left a handsome sum with Miriam for her immediate needs, promising to send her more, as he received his own remittances, and forward his address as soon as he knew just what his movements were to be. He said it would be best to still preserve the secret of their relations to each other; 'but ere the snows of winter fell she would be openly acknowledged before the world.' Miriam trusted him implicitly. She promised to do exactly as he wished, and that promise proved fatal to her. It signed her own death-warrant and robbed you of your birthright; for, from the hour of their parting until her dying day, she never heard one word from the man who had pledged himself before God and man to love and cherish her so long as they both should live."

"Oh! how cruel! how cruel!" murmured Lady Bromley sorrowfully, while Gerald gritted his teeth savagely, his face like a mask of chalk, a lurid light in his eyes.

"The poor girl hoped and waited until longer waiting would have compelled her either to betray her secret and produce the proofs of it, or become the target for a scandal-loving public," the young man read on. "She had not confided to her husband the fact that before the anniversary of their marriage should come round she hoped to become a mother. She feared that the knowledge might trouble him during his absence—three months would soon pass away, and her news would safely keep until then.

"This was the sad story she told me when she came to me, that dreary winter day, and asked me to give her food and shelter until she could die and hide in the grave what she had begun to believe was her shame. She would not hear one word against the author of her misery—she still loved him with idolatrous affection, and even though she could not fail to believe herself a deserted wife, yet a lawful wife she was, and she insisted that some undue influence—some treachery on the part of others, was what had caused his unfaithfulness. She commissioned me to have her house sold, and as I was fortunate enough to find a ready purchaser, her disappearance from the place where she had always lived was thus accounted for, and aroused no adverse comment.

"Her baby was born a month or six weeks later, and then I begged Miriam to let me seek her husband, or, in case anything had happened to him, seek his father, produce the proofs of her marriage, and demand that justice and proper recognition be accorded her and her child. But no; she was as firm as a rock—she had promised Adam that their union should remain a secret until he came to claim her and give her her proper place in the world, and she would never break her word. A week later, during one of her violent outbursts of grief, she ruptured a blood-vessel, and I knew that from that hour her doom was sealed—that she would go the same way her mother had gone before her. She, also, appeared to realize this, for as soon as the bleeding was stopped she insisted that I should pledge myself to bring up her boy in utter ignorance of his parentage, at least upon his father's side. I was to do the best I could for him, and trust the rest to God—if, she added wearily, there is any God. I have often wondered why she did not destroy the proofs of her marriage, and thus preclude the possibility of any future knowledge of it. I have sometimes thought she meant to do so, for she kept them constantly by her, but clung to them as long as possible, vainly hoping that her husband might come before she died. She passed away suddenly while I was absent from her room only a few minutes, and I found her marriage-certificate and her wedding-ring clasped tightly in her left hand, which was concealed beneath her pillow. I put them both into the envelope containing your baptismal-certificate, Gerald—I had had that rite performed for you unknown to her, and took the responsibilty of adding your father's name to the one she had chosen for you—and put them carefully away, feeling that, since she had not destroyed your birthright, a Higher Power had wisely ordered their preservation."

(To be continued.)

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BOBS'S HORSESHOES.

Max Mueller's Lucky Penny—How Parnell Stirred Coffee.

A man more absolutely governed by pure reason than Lord Macaulay could not well be found, but in his diary he refers to an after dinner talk about the feeling which Johnson had—of thinking oneself bound to touch a particlar rail or post and to tread in the middle of a paving stone, and he adds: "I certainly have this very strongly."

In one of his Hibbert lectures Max Mueller said to the students: "Many of you, I suspect, carry a ha'penny with a hole in it for luck. I am not ashamed to own that I have done so myself for many years."

Charles Dickens refused to lie down unless his bed was placed due north and south. He gave notice of the rule before arriving at a friend's house or a hotel, but a compass was always handy in his baggage to make sure.

Mrs. Justin McCarthy has told us Parnell gravely checked her stirring coffee "the wrong way" and insisted that she should take another cup.

A gentleman of Portrush sent Lord Roberts an old horseshoe when things looked ill in South Africa. Gratefully acknowledging it, the General added that he would keep this horseshoe in company "with one picked up the day I entered the Orange Free State and another I found at Paardeburg the day before General Cronje surrendered.

MARTIAL MUSIC.

Instances Which Testify What Soldiers Like Best.

It is an understatement of deeds of heroism which delights the British soldier, declares Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in "Through the Magic Door," Anything in the least "highfaltin" would depress a body of English troops; German troops can march to battle singing Luther's hymn; Frenchmen will work themselves into a frenzy by a song of glory; but English poets need not imagine that martial song is what the British soldier needs, as these instances testify.

Our sailors, working the heavy guns in South Africa, sang "Here's Another Lump of Sugar for the Bird," I saw a regiment go into battle to the refrain of "A Little Bit of the Top," The martial poet, unless he had the genuis and insight of a Kipling, would have wasted a good deal of ink before he had got down to such chants as these.

The Russians are not unlike us in this respect. I remember reading of some column ascending a breach and singing lustily from start to finish, until a few survivors were left victorious upon the crest, with the song still going.

A spectator inquired what wondrous chant it was which had warmed them up to such a deed of valor, and he found that the exact meaning of the words, endlessly repeated, was "Ivan is in the Garden Picking Cabbages."

The fact is, I suppose, that a mere monotonous sound may take the place of a tom-tom of savage warfare, and hypnotize the soldier into valor.

WEALTH IN PEAT.

The promise held forth by a great installation in northwest Germany, for the utilization of the immense peat-bogs that exist there, leads to the suggestion in England that the huge Bog of Allen in Ireland may next become a great centre of industry. The German undertaking contemplates the bringing of a large part of the bogs under cultivation, together with the conversion of the peat into fuel, to be employed in the development of electrical energy for agricultural purposes, as well as for supplying light and power to a number of towns situated within a radius of 50 miles.

About the Farm

PRODUCING MILK.

After a year's observation with the herd at Cornell University experiment station, H. H. Wing, professor of dairy husbandry, reaches the following conclusions:

1st. With a good dairy herd, carefully fed and kept, milk can be produced for sixty-five cents per cwt., and fat for sixteen cents per pound for the cost of food consumed.

2nd. That individuals of the same breed vary more widely in milk and butter produced than do the breeds themselves.

3rd. The large animals consumed less pounds of dry material per 1,000 pounds live weight per day than did the smaller animals.

4th. That in general the best yields of fat were obtained from cows that gave at least a fairly large flow of milk.

5th. In general, the cows consuming the most food produced both milk and fat at the lowest rate.

6th. For the production of milk and fat there is no food so cheap as good pasture grass.

Note particularly "6th." This being the case does it not stand to reason that the best results in winter months must come from feeding the nearest approach to green pasture grass? And is that not silage and properly cured alfaifa?

LIVE STOCK NOTES.

The sheep that furnishes a coat, both for himself and his master, does not owe the latter anything for his keep, and the better the keep the better the coat.

Many persons make the mistake of cutting off the horse's mane. This is detrimental to the horse's appearance and weakens the neck. Even the foretop should be left untouched as a protection to the poll, good horsemen say.

During the laying season it is no unusual matter for soft eggs to make their appearance now and then. This is unsatisfactory, because not only is it a sign that something is wrong with the bird that produces the shell-less egg, but these soft eggs are liable to cause some of the hens to become egg eaters.

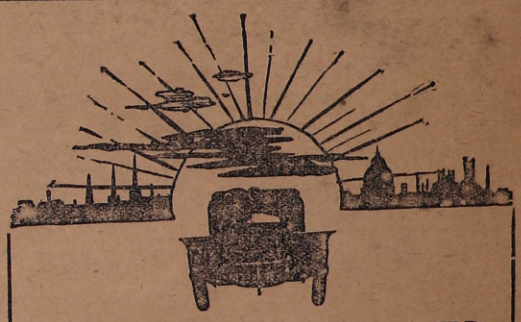
Look out for the stretches. The symptoms are known by the sheep spreading its legs out and stretching itself. The cause is too much dry feed. The remedy is a bran-mash and an ounce of raw linseed oil. If the flock are fed roots, bran and linseed meal, there is never any danger of constipation.

The skillful breeder has developed early maturity and tendency to fatten easily. He has done this by taking from the pig for many generations all trouble or care about his shelter or subsistence. The result is a breed to which good shelter and plenty of feed at all times are especially necessary, and without which they may not thrive so well as these hogs less carefully bred.

Several kinds of lice make trouble for chickens, but the most common kinds are the gray louse, which is about the size of the head of a pin and is found under the wings and about the vent, and the head louse, which is a large gray louse and attaches itself to the heads of little chickens and quickly saps their lives away. Ordinary gray lice find their best breeding place in filth, so the first step in getting rid of them is to clean up the premises thoroughly. Follow this by painting the roosts and all crevices with kerosene and dusting insect powder on the fowls. For head lice the best remedy is lard or vaseline rubbed on the heads of the little chickens.

If the roosts are painted over once a month throughout the fall and winter, the flowls will be kept in better condition and much labor and loss will be avoided next spring during nesting time. The dust bath should, of course, be supplied, for it will also help to keep vermin in subjection. As dust is quite cold it should be placed where the sun will warm it in the middle of the day. It is considerable of a task to catch every fowl in a large frock and dust them with insect powder. The use of the liquid on the roosts is a much more simple operation, and quite as efficient. Red mites can be destroyed by carefully saturating the perches, boards and cracks with coal oil and crude carbolic acid.

"I wouldn't cry like that if I were you," said a lady to little Alice. "Well," said Alice, between her sobs, "you can cry any way you like, but this is my way."



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A Fact to Face

Despite the fact that several leaders of the suffrage movement in Toronto have jocularly referred to sentiment about the home, the fact still remains that if women are to succeed in getting the franchise in this country they must dispel a popular opinion, namely, that if womankind is given the privilege to vote she will neglect her home.

This may seem a trivial matter. Indeed, it has been so regarded and some suffragists have gone so far as to declare it "maudlin sentiment," but is it so unimportant? Is it not the foundation of nearly all opposition to the granting of the franchise?

For centuries women have been regarded, among the English-speaking races at least, as the indirect rulers of nations because of their influence in the home. They by nature are mothers, by instinct sympathizers, and by training developers of character. To the knee of their mothers can most great men trace their success. Sober thinking people will not for a moment accept any other idea of a woman's sphere than that she should be first a dutiful wife and mother. If then this be a true state, if it be granted that the home is the seat of woman's power, and that other things being equal she can accomplish more by the fireside than on the platform, does it not remain a serious question which suffrage advocates must settle—will the home be destroyed?

It may be that in giving womankind the right to vote and to take a constant part in politics the home will remain as sacred and as attractive as it is to-day, but then again it may not. Some of us at least are hard to convince and one of the best methods of convincing us is to treat the matter with sincerity and frankness. The easiest thing in the world is to imagine the home and little ones neglected by women who spend their afternoons and evenings at public meetings and suffrage conventions.

Cheese Production in Canada

The production of cheese in Canada has declined considerably during the past two years, the exports for the past season up to April 15 being 2,055,817 boxes, as compared with 2,294,866 boxes for the same period in last year and 2,555,514 in 1907, showing a total shrinkage of 500,687 boxes in two years.

Some doubts are expressed as to whether the production of the coming season will not show a further decrease as it is stated that in some districts farmers have had to dispose of cows owing to the high prices at which feed has been ruling. It is generally admitted, however, that the cows wintered well and are showing up this spring in much better condition than they did in the spring of 1908.

Woman's Home Companion for May

The burden of our changing social order falls upon our daughters, claims the WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION for May, and this magazine shows by striking examples and figures how topsy-turvy is our way of training girls.

In this same issue is a charming article by Margaret Sangster, showing that the millionaire mother is by no means as black as she is painted. Mary Heaton Vorse, in her own inimitable style proves that if we are fat it is our own fault.

"Afraid" is a story in Zona Gale's exquisite style. "Hearts and the Highway" has Cyrus Townsend Brady's usual swing and dash, and "The Four Adventuresses" is another story by Herbert Footner, whose freshness and humor have established his reputation.

This issue of the WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION is distinguished by two features—a poem entitled "The Grandmother," by James Oppenheim, and a full-page drawing by Harrison Fisher, showing Margaret and Gerard, from "The Cloister and the Hearth."

At a meeting of the executive of the Canadian Peace and Arbitration Society held in Toronto an address was sent to the press urging every citizen to devote his energies not to talking of international differences, but to finding how best the different nations of the earth could work to one another's hand. In the teaching of the schools it was also felt that there should be far more emphasis placed on triumphs of peace, and far more glory attached to the names of those men who, by the works of their genius or by their noble self-sacrifice, have enriched and ennobled our civilization, than is at present given to those who have triumphed in the desolation of war. The Rev. C. S. Eby, D.D., former missionary in Japan, was appointed secretary of the Association in succession to the late Rev. A. C. Courtice.

The records of the telegraph office in Constantinople show that the massacres at Adana were deliberately planned to take place at the same time as the outbreak in the capital. A general massacre of foreigners in Constantinople including the diplomatic corps, was also planned for April 24, and all was done in the name of Abdul Hamid. In Constantinople on Monday thirteen civilians and soldiers were hanged on the public streets for murder. One of them is said to be Moured, editor of the newspaper 'Nazim.'

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ALGEBRA—G Bird 98, A Hoard 95, D Collins 95, L Gillespie 95, H Sexsmith 92, N Read 92, E Girdwood 87, M Park 86, P Thompson 86, J Haggerty 81, B Ashley 77, H Payne 73, A Labey 72, E Fargey 72, R Sine 70, H Chambers 68, B Stapeley 68, H Farrell 64, B Kennedy 63, D Roy 62, E McCutcheon 61, T Cranston 61, J McLachlan 55, M Moore 53, V Utman 53, A Bird 46, F Johnson 43, V Deacon 35.

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GEOGRAPHY — H Sexsmith 90, A Hoard 87, N Read 86, E Girdwood 85, D Collins 84, M Park 82, L Gillespie 82, H Payne 81, B Stapley 81, P Thompson 79, E Fargey 74, B Ashley 73, J Haggerty 69, G Bird 68, R Sine 67, H Chambers 65, V Deacon 64, A Bird 64, B Kennedy 63, E McCutcheon 62, J McLachlan 61, V Utman 60, T Cranston 60, F McCutcheon 58, D Roy 57, M Moore 54, M Richardson 50, F Johnson 48, A Labey 41.

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Notice is hereby given in pursuance of the Revised Statutes of Ontario that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the late Anna Elizabeth Caverley, who died on or about the 4th day of April, A.D. 1909, are required on or before the 20th day of May, A. D. 1909, to send by post, prepaid, or to deliver to E. T. Caverley, the Executor of the last will and testament of Anna Elizabeth Caverley, at the village of Stirling, in the county of Hastings, Stirling post office, or his Solicitor as hereunder, at Stirling post office, their Christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions and full particulars of their claims, statement of their accounts and the nature of their securities, if any, held by them verified by affidavit.

And further notice is given that after such last mentioned date the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only for the claims of which he shall have notice, and that the Executor will not be liable for such assets, or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received.

And notice is further given that all persons indebted to the said deceased must pay the amount of their indebtedness to the said Executor or his Solicitor hereunder, forthwith; and also that the real estate of the said deceased will be sold by public auction, of which time notice will be given and the terms specified.

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And further notice is given that after such last mentioned date the administrators will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only for the claims of which they shall have notice, and that the Administrators will not be liable for such assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received.

And notice is further given that any persons indebted to the said deceased must pay the amount of their indebtedness to G. G. Thrasher, forthwith, at Stirling, Solicitor as hereunder for the Union Trust Company, Limited.

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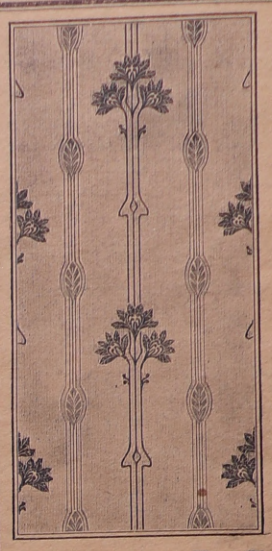

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PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones of Philadelphia, N. Y., attended the funeral of the late James F. Cooney.

Mr. J. G. Foster of Myrtle called on a number of his old friends and acquaintances here on Tuesday last.

Mrs. Alf. Chard and children left on Monday last for their home in Fort Saskatchewan, Alta., after spending the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Heard.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Jones and children of Merritton arrived last night, Mrs. Jones having been summoned home on account of the serious illness of her father, Mr. J. Arthurs.

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TO MRS. H. H. ALGER:

We, the choir and congregation of St. John's Church, Stirling, feel the time has come when some just recognition of your valuable assistance in all that goes to make prosperity and progress in our Church, should be acknowledged, and more especially as leader of the choir, has the mark of your energy and musical ability been so clearly demonstrated when compared now with the state you found it in some years ago. Your kindness of heart and genial method, added to your well-known musical talent have won for you their warmest affection and most sincere respect. The season of beautiful spring is now with us, and with it the ever bright and happy associations of Easter always dear to our Church and people.

Will you, dear Mrs. Alger, accept our offering of this purse of gold as a tribute, small though it be to what we would wish it be, but it carried with it the sentiment of deep admiration for the many qualities you possess which go to make a leader of a church choir. We trust the day may be in the far distant future when necessity may compel you to withdraw your valuable assistance in all that goes to make the worship in St. John's Church a success in Stirling.

Signed in behalf of choir and congregation,

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If your stomach, heart or kidneys are weak, try at least, a few doses of Dr. Shoop's Restorative. In five or ten days only, the result will surprise you. A few cents will cover the cost. And here is why help comes so quickly. Dr. Shoop doesn't drug the stomach, nor stimulate the heart or kidneys. Dr. Shoop's Restorative goes directly to the weak and failing nerves. Each organ has its own controlling nerve. When these nerves fail, the depending organs must of necessity falter. This plain, yet vital truth, clearly tells us why Dr. Shoop's Restorative is so universally successful. Its success is leading druggists everywere to give it universal preference. A test will surely tell. Sold by J. S. Morton.

ADVERTISING NOTICES.

In the local column will be charged as follows:
To Regular Advertisers.—Three lines and under, 25 cents each insertion; over three lines, 7c. per line. Matter set in larger than the ordinary type, 10c. per line.
To Transient Advertisers.—10c. per line each insertion. No insertion less than 25c.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.
Trains call at Stirling station as follows:—

GOING WEST.	GOING EAST.
Mail & Ex...6.03 a.m.	Passenger..10.27 a.m
Passenger...6.45 p.m.	Mail & Ex. 3.41 p.m

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1909.

LOCAL MATTERS.

The Lord Bishop of Ontario will hold services at St. Lawrence church on Friday, May 14th at 10.30 a.m.

A number of the old stone crossings in the centre of the village have been taken up and are being replaced by wider cement crossings.

A carload of the celebrated Star Portland Cement placed in stock to-day. Why not use the best? Get our prices.
C. J. BOLDRICK.

The party who broke the lock at the Government butts would do well to call and settle with Major McKee within the next ten days, and prevent further action being taken.

A meeting will be held in the Stirling House on Friday evening, May 7th, at 7 o'clock to organize a baseball team for the coming season. Everybody interested come along and start the ball tossing.

We expect a car of Quebec Cedar Shingles on Saturday,—the best shingles on the market to-day for the price. Dressed Lumber of all kinds fills our sheds. Inspection invited. Prices right.
C. J. BOLDRICK.

The spring meeting of the horsemen of Eastern Ontario will take place on the Agricultural grounds on May 24th, when some of the best trotting horses of the district will compete. Entries are already coming in, and a large field of fast speeders is expected.

The School Board met on Tuesday evening, but with the exception of passing a resolution of condolence to Mr. Kennedy, Principal of the High School, and making arrangements to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Kennedy, no business was transacted. The Board adjourned to Friday evening, 7th inst.

A special feature of the 24th of May celebration will be the Calithumpian procession. It is to be on parade at ten o'clock and again at one o'clock, and some very laughable make-ups are being prepared for the occasion. The young men and ladies of the town are taking an active interest in this attraction and a big turn-out is expected.

The Gold Medal elocution contest will take place in the Opera House on Monday evening next. Miss Jean A. Robson, of Norwood, soprano soloist, will take part in the program, with local talent. The contests for the silver medals were interesting and well patronized, and this contest of the silver medalists for the gold medal will no doubt be very keen and well worth the admission of 25c. and 15c.

We are requested to call attention to the provisions of a village by-law prohibiting the riding of bicycles on the sidewalks, the playing of ball, or the setting off of firecrackers on the public streets. There has been considerable complaint that these practices have been allowed, and it is intended that the law will be enforced more strictly than it has been in the past. All parties interested would do well to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

We have received a copy of the special anniversary and immigration number of the Vegreville Observer, published at Vegreville, Alberta. It is a 40-page paper, well illustrated, and sets forth the advantages of that section as an agricultural district, and of the town of Vegreville as its centre. This town is only four or five years old, but now contains many fine buildings that would do credit to any town in the older provinces. Among the business firms of the place is that of Clute & Walker, dealers in furniture and undertaking. Mr. Clute of this firm is the eldest son of Mr. T. G. Clute of this village, and is one of the successful business men of the place.

24th May Celebration And Old Boys' Reunion

Arrangements on a very elaborate scale are being made for a monster celebration here on Victoria Day, under the auspices of the Volunteer Fire Brigade and for the entertainment of Stirling's Old Boys by the citizens. A big day of sports has been arranged, including a five-mile Marathon race, a baseball match between Frankford and Campbellford, lacrosse match, Madoc vs. Marmora, a mile race, calithumpian procession, school children's parade, Caledonian games, and horse races. In the evening a concert will be given in the Opera House, for which Mr. Robert Wilson, one of Canada's brightest entertainers and humorous vocalists has been engaged. Have you read the large bills, and have you seen the cuts of Wilson as he will appear at the concert? Do not fail to celebrate this holiday! It is to be the biggest day in the history of our town.

A pain prescription is printed upon each 25c. box of Dr. Shoop's Pink Pain Tablets. Ask your doctor or druggists if this formula is not complete. Pain means congestion, blood pressure. Head pains, wo-manly pains, pain anywhere gets instant relief from a Pink Pain Tablet. Sold by J. S. Morton.

St. John's Church Notes

His Lordship Bishop Mills will visit this parish on Thursday, May 13th, for the purpose of administering the Apostolic rite of the laying on of hands. Services as follows: Trinity church, Frankford, at 10.30 a.m., St. John's, Stirling, at 8 p.m. Everyone made welcome.

The Annual Vestry meeting was held in St. John's church on April 18th, at 8 p.m. The report read by the official board was the best ever presented in the history of the church, which was a source of gratification to the members as well as to the rector. The officers elected were:

People's Warden—H. H. Alger, M.D.
Rector's " —C. J. Boldrick.
Treasurer—G. E. Cryer.
Lay Delegate—J. T. Belshaw.
Sidesmen—G. W. Anderson, S. Nolan J. Gordon, B. Belshaw.

Our Sunday Schools have never been in a more flourishing condition, in point of numbers and offerings. The lesson of giving as a part of the Christian System has been instilled in our children and they are acting upon that teaching. The Easter offering from St. John's Sunday School was the largest ever made, amounting to $27. From our Sunday School in Frankford, which has lately been re-organized, $8.50 was contributed, making a total for missions from both Schools of $35.50. Laus deo.

Stirling Cheese Board

The first meeting of the Stirling Cheese Board for this season was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. There was a large attendance of salesmen and buyers present.

This being the annual meeting the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The old officers were re-elected, as follows:

President—J. W. Sager.
1st Vice-Pres.—C. W. Thompson.
2nd Vice-Pres.—Fred Jeffs.
Sec.-Treas.—C. W. Thompson.
Auditors—W. S. Martin, G. A. Johnson.

On motion the membership fee was fixed at $1.00.

It was moved and carried that the Board meet every Tuesday at 4 p.m.

C. W. Thompson suggested that the by-laws be revised. No action was taken.

There were 401 boxes of cheese offered and bids were called for. Bidding began at 11c. and quickly ran up to 11 9/16c., at which figure all were sold to Mr. M. Bird.

Obituary

JAMES F. COONEY

The remains of our late respected citizen, James F. Cooney, whose demise occurred on Saturday morning, after a short illness, were laid away on Monday afternoon. The funeral was under the direction of his brethren of Stirling L. O. L. No. 110 and Stirling Black Preceptory No. 505, about 130 of the fraternity being present to pay the last sad offices to departed merit. The service was held in the Methodist church, the pastor, Rev. H. L. Phelps officiating, assisted by Rev. B. F. Byers and Rev. W. H. Clarke. At the grave the solemn burial ceremony of the Order was performed by the officers of the Lodge. Messrs. T. H. McKee, G. G. Thrasher, T. Montgomery, jr., L. Meiklejohn, J. Tice and R. Fletcher were the bearers, and Messrs. Wm. Rodgers, T. H. Matthews, A. McGee, C. J. Boldrick, Robt. Rodgers and C. W. Thompson were pall bearers. The Frankford band was present and added to the impressiveness of the ceremony.

Mr. Cooney had been a resident of this village for many years, and his widow and relatives have the sympathy of the community.

MRS. G. E. KENNEEY

On Tuesday afternoon last the wife of G. E. Kennedy, B. A., Principal of the High School, passed away after an illness of several months duration. Mrs. Kennedy had been in poor health for several years, but lately had been a great sufferer, her disease baffling the skill of the best physicians.

Mrs. Kennedy, whose maiden name was Sherwin, was born in the township of Alnwick nearly 51 years ago, and was married to her now sorrowing husband about 25 years since. For the past seventeen years she had been a resident of Stirling, and had won the respect and esteem of all. Besides her husband she leaves to mourn her departure four daughters and one son.

The funeral takes place this afternoon, service being held at the house, conducted by Rev. R. P. Byers of St. Andrew's, of which church deceased was a member. The members of the Board of Education, and students of the High School and of the senior department of the Public School will attend in a body.

The floral tributes are very beautiful and include—

A pillow from the students of the High School.
A bouquet of roses from the Public School staff.
Gates Ajar, from lady friends.
An anchor from the family.
A bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler.
A wreath, Bank of Montreal staff.
A cross, Mr. D. A. Bird.
A sheaf, Miss Stothers and Miss Scott, teachers in High School.
A spray, Rev. W. H. and Mrs. Clarke.
A wreath from Board of Education.
A bouquet from the Horticultural Society.

Taking time by the forelock, Boston is planning a world's fair for the year 1920, to commemorate the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers three centuries ago from that date. The historical importance of that event and of its influence on the British people at home and in America, and through them on the world and civilization, certainly calls for commemoration.

Auction Sales

FRIDAY, MAY 7TH.—On the premises of the late George Wright, the north-west quarter of lot five, and east half of lot six, in the fifth concession of Rawdon, and a a lot of farm stock and implements. Sale at two o'clock. Wm. Rodgers, auctioneer.

Died

COONEY—In Stirling, on May 1st, James F. Cooney, aged 55 years and 1 month.

MATTHEWS—In Rawdon, on May 2nd, Thomas Whitton Matthews, aged 5 years, 1 month and 4 days.

KENNEDY—In Stirling, on May 4th, Louisa Emiline, wife of Mr. G. E. Kennedy, aged 50 years and 9 months.

For Sale

Two general purpose Mares, one in foal to Haig horse; one gelding Pony, 3 years old; also two Incubators and Brooders, slightly used, at a bargain.
W. J. GRAHAM.

Notice!

Dr. Towle of Spring Brook, having sold his practice, requests that all accounts due him be paid at once,

For Sale:

A gasoline Engine, 1½ horse power, nearly new; two buggies, one cutter, one horse and set of single harness, one washing machine, new, one range, and other articles of household furniture.
DR. TOWLE.

Wanted

A good Farm Hand, man, or boy able to handle a team. Apply at this Office.

For Sale

A covered Buggy, and a quantity of Cement Brick.
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The fastest trotting Stallion between Toronto and Montreal, and he has won First Prize, Sweepstakes and Silver Medal at Toronto Industrial Exhibition.
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Fred Fanning's, Monday noon.
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LESTER ZUFELT, In charge. FRED PEAKE, Owner.

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Photo Studio
OPEN ON FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS

New Masonic Hall

Is now available for social and other engagements. For particulars of rental, etc., see DR. WALT.

AUCTION SALE
To Close an Estate

In the Estate of George Wright, deceased.

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Administrators, they have instructed Mr. William Rodgers to offer for sale by public auction on the premises, at the hour of two o'clock on the afternoon on the

7th day of May, A.D. 1909

the following lands: One hundred and fifty acres, more or less, being composed of the north-west one-quarter of Lot number five, in the fifth concession of the township of Rawdon, and the east one-half of Lot number six, in the fifth concession of the township of Rawdon, all in the county of Hastings, with the approval of the Official Guardian, and subject to a reserved bid to be fixed by him.

This property is in a splendid state of cultivation, and convenient to post office, church, school and cheese factory.

Terms for real estate: $200.00 down on the day of sale and balance in one month thereafter. Further conditions made known on the day of the sale.

The following farm stock, implements, and other chattels: Thirteen or fourteen Milch Cows, six or seven head of young Stock. Horse, Sheep and Swine, and the Farm Implement of the said deceased, all in good condition, will be offered for sale at the same time and place. For further particulars of stock and implements, see bills.

Terms: All sums of $10.00 and under, cash; balance on approved joint notes, payable first of November, A.D. 1909, with interest at six per cent.

For further particulars apply to the Union Trust Company, Ltd., Bay St., Toronto; F. W. Harcourt, Official Guardian, Toronto, or to

G. G. THRASHER,
Solicitor for the Vendors.

Dated at Stirling this 22nd day of April, A.D. 1909.

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We will mail a full month's treatment for five dollars. The Scobell Drug Co., St. Catharines, Ont.

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We are showing a complete range of English and Canadian Prints, all colors and patterns to suit everybody. We have the *BEST* 10c. Print you can find,—full 32 inches wide and extra heavy, beautiful patterns and colors.

Our showing of Gingham surpasses all others, as we sell all the regular 15c. lines for 12½c.

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Beautiful White Blouses, in Nets, Muslins and Mulls.
White Skirts—Corset Covers—Drawers—Night Gowns.

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Ready-made Clothing—Stiff and Soft Hats—Caps—Gloves Ties—Collars—W.G.& R. Shirts—President Suspenders Police Brace—Men's and Boys' Leather Belts—Cuff Links—Collar Buttons and all other requirements for up-to-date Men's Furnishings.

WALL PAPER--

Our showing is extra large and prices to please everybody.

Grocery Specials--

Poppy Baking Powder, extra good, 1-lb. tins.....15 cts.
Our Green and Black Tea is of extra quality, reg. 30c....our price, 25c.
Lemon Biscuits.....Special at 5 cts. lb.

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Manager Eastern Ontario

BUSINESS IS ON THE MEND

Trade Returns for Month of March Are Again Encouraging.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The final figures of Canada's trade for the last fiscal year, issued on Wednesday by the Customs Department, show total imports amounting to $298,123,792, a decrease of $60,249,793 as compared with the preceding year, and total exports of domestic products amounting to $239,929,366, a decrease of $3,446,586.

Returns for March indicate a large increase in this year's trade. Imports totalled $33,863,362, an increase of $3,811,130. Exports totalled $18,397,974, an increase of $454,487.

During the year coin and bullion to the value of $9,988,442 was imported, as compared with $6,584,661 during 1907-08. The value of coin and bullion exported was only $1,589,793, as compared with $16,637,654 during the preceding year.

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MONTREAL BANK CLEARINGS.

A despatch from Montreal says: Financiers and others who are interested in the progress and expansion of the Dominion have regarded with increasing satisfaction the frequent signs and evidences of financial and industrial improvement throughout the country.

Montreal bank clearings for the month of April show in an unequivocal manner that the progress reported from ocean to ocean is general and sound. Last year the clearing for the months of April amounted to $111,092,633. This year they reached the large sum of $135,180,233, which is an increase of $24,087,600 over the previous year. Figures for 1907 were given as $117,054,598, which is also considerably smaller than this year's record. Bankers have reason to feel satisfied at the strength of the figures, and with the opening of navigation the return of normal trade conditions is assured.

Clearings, April 30,	
1909	$135,180,233
Corres. month, 1908...	111,092,633
Corres. month, 1907...	117,054,598

HUNDREDS DIE BY TORNADO

Succession of Cyclones Sweep Through the Southern States.

A despatch from Atlanta, Georgia, says:—A series of cyclones and tornadoes, the like which have not been known for years, swept through the south on Thursday night and Friday, leaving in their wake hundreds of dead and mangled bodies and the dismantled wrecks of property worth many millions. An exact list of the dead and an accurate estimate of the monetary loss may not be compiled for days, but from along the path of the storm came tales of fearful loss of life and description of whole towns and villages completely wiped out. The storm wave seems to have had its origin in the north and swept from the lake region south in irregular fashion, now moderating its force as if spent, now growing more turbulent and angry.

The State of Tennessee was an especially heavy sufferer. At 10 o'clock on Friday careful estimates indicate that at least 50 people were killed in that State alone, while the property loss will not fall short of a million.

Memphis reports heavy loss from towns within a radius of one hundred miles in three States.

The tornado swept over Arkansas and killed eight persons near Mammoth Springs. Atlanta and most of Georgia escaped with only slight property loss. But two young people, a brother and sister, lost their lives here on Friday afternoon, by the capsizing of a rowboat during a sudden squall.

Striking Alabama and headed in a southeasterly direction, the hurricane continued upon its course of destruction on Friday night. Huntsville sends words of fifteen persons killed, several score injured, and 250 houses demolished. Immense damage was done in Madison county by hail and lightning.

HEIR TO HOLLAND'S THRONE.

Queen Wilhelmina Gave Birth to a Daughter.

A despatch from The Hague, Holland, says: Wilhelmina, Queen of the Netherlands, gave birth to a daughter on Friday morning. The condition of her Majesty is most satisfactory, the infant Princess is doing well, and Holland is celebrating the happy event from one end of the country to the other with expressions of joy and gratification such as seldom before have been witnessed on the part of this placid people. The political significance of the occurrence lies in the fact that there is now an heir to the throne of the Netherlands, a circumstance that very greatly enhances the chances of the country for continued independence.

MUTINY ON BATTLESHIP.

French Sailors Refused to Eat Meat Provided for Them.

A despatch from Paris says: A mutiny on board the French battleship St. Louis is reported from Toulon. The crew refused to eat the meat provided for them. Three of the men were arrested, whereupon the others demanded that all be punished or none. The prisoners were then released. This is the third incident of the kind that has occurred on naval vessels within a fortnight.

RAIL ORDER FROM ENGLAND.

Dominion Company Will Ship Five Thousand Tons.

A despatch from Sydney, N. S., says: The Dominion Iron and Steel Co. have received an order from the Great Northern Railway Co., of England, for 5,000 tons of steel rails. The rails are of standard lengths and 85 pounds weight. This is the first order the company has received from an English firm. New rolls have had to be made to fill this order, as the specifications for the contract call for bullhead rails, widely different from the ordinary flange in use in Canada. The first shipment will be sent away in a short time.

TWO CLERKS ARRESTED.

Office of Tolman & Co., at Montreal, Raided.

A despatch from Montreal says: The office of D. H. Tolman & Company, money lenders, was raided by High Constable St. Mars on Thursday under a search warrant, and all the books and personal effects seized. Two clerks, Josephine Lamoreux and Tessie M. Devaney, were taken to the police headquarters, but were released on bail. The accused are charged with lending money at a rate exceeding twelve per cent. on a principal of less than five hundred dollars.

WINNIPEG TO EDMONTON

The Last Fifty-Mile Gap Is Now Being Laid With Rails.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Mr. E. J. Chamberlin, General Manager of the G. T. P., who returned to Ottawa on Thursday morning after a six-weeks' tour of inspection of the new road, states that by next autumn the G. T. P. will have 1,365 miles of completed road. Every bridge between Winnipeg and Edmonton has been completed, and the track is now being laid on the last fifty miles, which constitutes the one gap between the two cities. This work will be pushed rapidly, and Mr. Chamberlin says there is little doubt as to the road being completed by June from the Red River to Saskatchewan. Fifty stations are now under construction between Winnipeg and Wainwright.

Mr. Chamberlin also announces that during the coming summer some 200 miles of branch lines in Alberta and Saskatchewan will be completed and ready to carry freight and passengers in the fall.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Telegraphic Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of Recent Events.

CANADA.

The customs receipts at Montreal show a heavy increase.

Four thousand immigrants from Europe arrived at Quebec on Saturday.

The upper steel arch bridge at Niagara was badly damaged by the ice jam.

West Toronto became Ward Seven of Toronto at midnight on Saturday.

The postoffice and a number of stores at Elk Lake were burned on Saturday.

The estimated value of new building in Toronto this year is nearly $40,000,000.

Mr. Alex. M. Scott of London, Ont., celebrated his hundredth birthday on Sunday.

The New Brunswick Legislature defeated the bill to extend the franchise to widows and spinsters.

Five thousand dollars has been given to the fund for the erection of a boys' Y. M. C. A. building at Hamilton.

The Lake Superior Corporation will spend a million dollars on improving and adding to the plant at the Soo.

Mr. J. H. Carnegie, M.P.P., has resigned his seat and accepted the office of distributor of law stamps for Ontario.

Mrs. Wright, a suffragette, is suing the Mayor of Montreal for $5,000 for insulting her and having her removed from his office.

Canada will be represented in the contest for military officers at the International Horse Show to be held in London, England.

P. J. Kavanagh, a Montreal hotelkeeper, admitted making presents to the police at Christmas-time and sending money to Ald. Pronix for protection from prosecution.

Dolly Hardy, a nine-year-old girl, has been committed to the Victoria Industrial School for robbing the house of Thomas Flaxen, near St. Thomas.

The Quebec Legislative Assembly passed the bill to compel railway and steamship companies to publish all their contracts and notices to the public in French as well as English.

Burglars entered the store of Mr. L. Turcotte at Calgary, took his delivery horse and waggon, and drove away with the safe to a secluded spot, where they cracked it, stole $200 and returned the horse to the stable.

Four young children of Mr. Stephen McAskill were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the family dwelling at Glace Bay on Friday. The rest of the family had a narrow escape.

GREAT BRITAIN.

A Holbein portrait was sold in London on Friday for $330,000.

The King's horse, Minoru, won the race for two thousand guineas at Newmarket.

Four militant suffragettes were expelled from the British House of Commons on Tuesday.

Mr. John Burns has denounced the journalists who are promoting the Anglo-German war scare.

A suffragette hidden behind the organ pipes disturbed a meeting addressed by Mr. Augustine Birrell at Bristol, on Saturday.

UNITED STATES.

An epidemic of suicide seems to have broken out at Elmira, N. Y.

A fire started by Black Hand men caused eight deaths in New York on Friday.

A violent storm on the great lakes on Saturday caused the loss of the schooner Nester of Detroit, with her crew of seven

A man was flung from a motor cycle running a mile a minute on a track at Los Angeles, Cal., and escaped without serious injury.

Miss Helen Morden, a senior at Smith College, was shot and killed on Thursday by a young man whose attentions she rejected. The murdered committed suicide.

Mr. Lloyd-George's budget, introduced on Thursday, proposes to make up the deficit by increased taxes on the liquor trade and on accumulated wealth.

GENERAL.

There were no May Day disturbances in Paris.

Ex-President Roosevelt shot three lions at Nairobi on Saturday.

Twelve persons were killed and many injured in a May Day riot at Buenos Ayres.

It is reported that Castro has left a large amount of gold buried in Venezuela.

A band of female cut-throats have been arrested in a Russian village near St. Petersburg.

Russia will not withdraw her army from Persia until the Shah makes good his pledges of reform.

An Anarchist who was arrested at Monte Carlo on Tuesday admitted that he had gone there for the purpose of killing the French President.

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Dairy Produce at

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, May 4.—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents, $4.70 to $4.75 to-day in buyers' sacks outside for export. Manitoba flour, first patents, $6.10 to $6.40 on track Toronto; second patents, $5.50 to $5.90, and strong bakers', $5.40 to $5.80 on track, Toronto.

Wheat—No. 1 Northern, May delivery, $1.24½, Bay ports; No. 2 $1.21½, and No. 3 $1.19½.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 wheat $1.15 to $1.19 outside.

Barley—No. 3 extra, 60c outside, and No. 3 at 57 to 58c outside.

Oats—Ontario No. 2 white, 47 to 47½c on track, Toronto, and 45 to 45½c outside. No. 2 Western Canada 47½c and No. 3 46c, Bay ports.

Peas—No. 2, 96c outside.

Rye—No. 2 73 to 74c outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2 63 to 64c outside.

Corn—No. 2 American yellow, 80c, on track, Toronto, and No. 2 at 79c on track, Toronto. Canadian corn, 74 to 75c on track, Toronto.

Bran—Cars, $21.50 to $22 in bulk outside, and shorts, $22.50 to $23 outside.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—$4.50 to $5.50 for choice qualities, and $3.50 to $4 for seconds.

Beans—Prime, $1.90 to $2, and handpicked, $2.10 to $2.15 per bushel.

Honey—Combs, $2 to $2.75 per dozen, and strained, 10 to 11c per pound.

Maple Syrup—95c to $1 a gallon.

Hay—No. 1 timothy $11 to $11.50 per ton on track here, and lower grades, $9 to $10 a ton.

Straw—$6.50 to $7.50 on track.

Potatoes—Car lots, 85 to 90c per bag on track.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 15 to 17c per pound; fowl, 12 to 13c; turkeys, 20 to 22c per pound.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 21 to 23c; tubs and large rolls, 16 to 18c; inferior, 14 to 15c; creamery rolls, 25 to 26c, and solids, 20 to 21c.

Eggs—Case lots, 19c per dozen.

Cheese—Large cheese, old, 14 to 14½c per pound, and twins, 14¼ to 14½c. New cheese, 12¾ to 13c.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 12¾ to 13c per pound in case lots; mess pork, $21 to $21.50; short cut, $23 to $24.

Hams—Light to medium, 14 to 15c; do., heavy, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 11¼ to 11½c; shoulders, 10¾ to 11c; backs, 16½ to 17c; breakfast bacon, 15½ to 16c.

Lard—Tierces, 13¼c; tubs, 13½c; pails, 13¾c.

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, May 4.—Peas — No. 2, $1.05 to $1.06. Oats—Canadian Western No. 2, 51 to 51½c; extra No. 1 feed, 50½ to 51c; No. 1 feed, 50 to 50½c; Ontario No. 2, 50 to 50½c; Ontario No. 3, 49 to 49½c; Ontario No. 4, 48 to 48½c. Barley—No. 2, 66 to 67c; feed, 59½ to 60c. Buckwheat—69½ to 70c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, $6.10; Manitoba Spring wheat patents, seconds, $5.60; Manitoba strong bakers, $5.40; Winter wheat patents, $5.75; straight rollers, $5.50 to $5.60; straight rollers in bags, $2.70 to $2.75; extra, in bags, $2.25 to $2.35. Feed—Manitoba bran, $22 to $23; Manitoba shorts, $24 to $25; Ontario bran, $23 to $24; Ontario shorts, $24.50 to $25; Ontario middlings, $25 to $25.50; pure grain mouille, $33 to $35; mixed mouille, $28 to $30. Cheese—11½ to 11⅝c. Butter—24 to 24½c. Eggs—19 to 19½c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, May 4.—Wheat—May, $1.20¾; July, $1.20⅝ to $1.20¾; cash, No. 1 hard, $1.24½; No. 1 Northern, $1.23¼; No. 2 Northern, $1.21½ to $1.22; No. 3 Northern $1.18½ to $1.19½. Flour—First patents, $5.80 to $6; second patents, $5.70 to $5.90; first clears, $4.75 to $4.95; second clears, $3.25 to $3.45. Bran—In bulk, $23 to $23.50.

Chicago, May 4.—Cash wheat—No. 2 red, $1.41¾ to $1.42¾; No. 3 red, $1.31¾ to $1.40; No. 2 hard, $1.22¾ to $1.29¾; No. 3 hard, $1.18¾ to $1.25¾; No. 1 Northern, $1.22¾ to $1.24¾; No. 2 Northern, $1.20¾ to $1.23¾; No. 3 Spring, $1.18 to $1.22¾. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 73½ to 74c; No. 3, 71¾ to 72½c; No. 3 yellow, 73½c. Oats—No. 3 white, 55 to 56¾c; No. 4 white, 52½ to 56c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, May 4.—Prime beeves sold at 5½ to 6c per pound; pretty good animals, 4½ to 5¼c; milkmen's strippers, 3½ to 4½c; common stock, 3 to 4c per pound. Calves sold at $1.50 to $10 each, or 5½ to 5½c per pound. Sheep sold at 5 to 6c per pound. Lambs sold at $4 to $6 each. Good lots of fat hogs sold at $8.25 to $8.33 per 100 pounds.

Toronto, May 4.—Butchers' ranged all the way from $3.75 to $5.60 and from $2.50 up for cows. Some fine cows brought as high as $5.30. A large shipment of hogs was brought and made the market a little easier. The same prices rule, however, at $7.25 to $7.50.

GREAT BRITAIN'S BIG DEFICIT

Expenditure Exceeds the Revenue By $78,810,000.

A despatch from London says: Mr. David Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, presented the budget in the House of Commons on Thursday. He estimates the revenue in 1909-10 as $741,950,000 and the expenditure $820,760,000, showing a deficit of $78,810,000. It is pointed out that the increased expenditure is due mainly to old-age pensions and appropriations for the navy.

Dealing with the past year's finances, the Chancellor says that nearly all branches of trade and industry suffered serious depression, the foreign trade returns showing a diminution in value to the amount of nearly $570,000,000 as compared with 1907. The Chancellor adds that it is impossible to prophecy any immediate rapid recovery, but he is of the opinion that there are some indications that foreign trade is beginning to improve.

The revenue for 1908 fell short of the budget estimate of $751,750,000. The national debt now amounts to $3,770,606,545.

REFORMS FORESHADOWED.

The social reforms which Mr. Lloyd-George seeks to introduce in Britain are based, in the main, on German experience, though the idea of setting aside £100,000 for labor exchanges for both skilled and unskilled labor is borrowed from France. There is to be a State insurance against loss of employment. The Board of Trade is developing a scheme under which only deserving workmen out of work will benefit. A vast scheme was outlined by which the State will aid in the development of natural resources, and a definite proposal was made to grant £200,000 to start afforestation, and for the reclamation of waste lands and the encouragewaste lands and the encourage-

RECAST OF FISCAL SYSTEM

The new taxation, by which the estimated deficit of nearly £16,000,000 is to be made good, is the most comprehensive recast of the British fiscal system since the first free trade budget, over sixty years ago, The Chancellor's proposals embody almost all the schemes which have been advanced in radical programmes for the past twenty years. The list includes a supertax on incomes of over £5,000, a tax on mining royalties, a tax on urban undeveloped land, a tax on ungotten minerals, a tax on the unearned increment in land, increased death duties, and a tax on Stock Exchange speculation. The whiskey duty is increased by one-third; the tobacco duty is increased eight pence per pound; there is also an increased tax on motor cars.

Fearing that the tax on tea and sugar would be increased, the importers of these commodities have been rushing huge quantities out of bond lately, but there is no new taxation in this direction. "We ought to avoid taxes on the necessaries of life, and tea and sugar are necessaries of life," said Mr. Lloyd-George in his speech.

SLIPPED OFF BRIDGE.

Samuel Cairns and Andrew Ruxton Drowned.

A despatch from Port Elgin, Ont., says: Two drownings occurred near Southampton, in the Saugeen River on Friday afternoon, the victims being Andrew Ruxton and Samuel Cairns, both of Chippewa Hill. It appears that they were engaged in making some repairs to Denis bridge, and in some manner they fell into the river, which is flowing at extra speed on account of the rains. The bridge was a new and extensive work, only completed last fall, but owing to quicksand one of the piers had given way. Mr. Cairns was an employee of the Saugeen Electric Light Company, and had been a sailor on the lakes for many years. Ruxton was postmaster at Chippewa Hill. Both were married and Cairns leaves four children.

IN DRYEST MICHIGAN.

Ten Brewers and 500 Saloons Close in 19 Counties.

A despatch from Detroit says: More than 500 saloons and ten breweries, in 19 counties of Michigan, which voted "dry" at the last election, closed their doors on Saturday. Thirty of the 83 counties i the State are now "dry."

BIG INCREASE IN REVENUE.

Customs for April Shows Half Million More Than Last April.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Customs revenue for April, the month of the new fiscal year, was $3,961,678. This is an increase of $511,730 over the same month last year, when the collections totalled $3,449,547.

$70,000 FIRE AT NORTH BAY..

Thought to Have Been Started By Burglars.

A despatch from North Bay says: Early on Sunday morning North Bay was visited by a disastrous fire, the fine new McKeown block, with stores and offices, being completely gutted, only the walls remaining. The loss will exceed $70,000, partly covered by insurance. There is strong suspicion that the fire was of incendiary origin, caused by the presence of burglars, who accidentally, or with the purpose of covering up their looting operations, set fire to the premises. Strongly substantiating this theory is the fact that when the stores were closed late Saturday night the electric lights were turned off, but when the fire was discovered the lights in Beamish and Smith's store, where the blaze originated, were burning.

BRITISH CAPITAL COMING..

Financiers and Investors to Pay Canada a Visit.

A despatch from Montreal says: Sir Edward Clouston, vice-president and general manager of the Bank of Montreal, who returned from England on Sunday made the interesting announcement that a number of British capitalists and investors will come over to the Dominion this summer for the purpose of seeing the country. Sir Edward expressed the opinion that the recent budget, which places a burden on investors, will result in diverting a great deal of capital to Canada. Care, however, would have to be taken against projects of doubtful merit, as such would do great injury to Canada.

WILL SERVE FULL TERM.

Earl Grey Will be Third Governor to Do So.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The announcement that Earl Grey will serve out his full term of six years, or until December, 1910, has been received with general satisfaction. Although the Governor-General is appointed for six years, it has been usual to recall him at the end of the fifth year. The Marquis of Dufferin and Earl Minto were the only predecessors of Earl Grey to serve out the full term.

TERRIBLE DOINGS AT ADANA

Destruction of the Town Completed---Loss of Life in the Province 30,000.

A London Daily Mail special sent from Mersina, Asia Minor, on Monday night, via Cyprus, says:—Two Turkish regiments, landing here on Saturday, proceeded to Adana, where the massacres of Christians began on April 14, and resumed, late Sunday night, the wholesale murdering of Armenians and the burning of their property. Thousands of Armenians were burnt alive, those attempting to escape being shot down b ythe troops. The destruction of Adana was completed. The loss of life in the whole province of Adana is estimated at 30,000. The material losses of Europeans is enormous. The British and foreign warships here are inactive. In Hadjin, a town of 15,000 people, thousands of Armenians and three American ladies are besieged by Moslem troops and irregulars. Four Germans, previously reported killed at Bakdjeh, have arrived at Mersina safely. The Armenian population of that town perished.

GROWING BOYS AND GROWING GIRLS

Need Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to Give Them Health and Strength.

Growing boys as well as girls need such a tonic as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to keep the blood rich, red and pure and give them health and strength. Mrs. Edward Koch, postmistress at Prince's Lodge, N. S., tells the great benefit her little son has derived from the use of this world famous medicine. Mrs. Koch says:—"My little son, Reginald, had been troubled with anaemia almost since birth. He was always a sickly looking child, with no energy and little or no appetite. His veins showed very plainly through his skin and he had several serious attacks of stomach and bowel trouble, and on one occasion his life was dispaired of by two doctors who were attending him. His little body was slowly wasting away until he was nothing more than a skeleton. He was peevish and fretful and a misery to himself. Having read and heard so much of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I determined to try them in his case, and after giving them to him for a couple of months they certainly worked wonders with him. T-day he is fat and healthy looking; he has a hearty appetite, is able to play like other children, and is bright and energetic, instead of dull and listless as he used to be. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have changed my puny, sickly child, into a rugged, hearty boy."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cured this sickly boy because they went down to the root of the trouble in his blood. That is why they never fail. Bad blood is the cause of all common diseases like anaemia, (bloodlessness) eczema, paleness, headaches, indigestion, kidney trouble, neuralgia, rheumatism and the special ailments that only growing girls and womenfolk know. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills don't bother with mere symptoms, they cure diseases through the blood. They don't cure for a day—they cure to stay cured. Do not take any pills without the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," on the wrapper around each box. Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

BABY PRINCES OF SPAIN

ELDER ENGLISH IN LOOKS, YOUNGER SPANISH IN TYPE.

English Ways Introduced Into the Spanish Court and Royal Nursery.

Queen Victoria of Spain, who is still Princess Ena to the English, is contemplating another visit to London. This time she will bring the latest baby Prince with her and will leave her eldest son, the heir to the throne, in Spain.

Queen Victoria seems unable to tear herself away from English traditions and associations. English is the language she speaks to her immediate attendants, English are some of the nurses who are in charge of the Prince of the Asturias and Don Jaime, the latest arrival, and very English in all their appointments are the nurseries where her two small sons spend most of their lives at present.

Yet the Spanish people do not seem to resent the Queen's loyalty to the language and customs of her own country. They are so proud of her and so proud of the two Princes she has given them that they are quite willing she and the young King should revolutionize Spanish social life and overthrow traditions of generations past.

KING ALFONSO

is cosmopolitan in ideas and tastes. He takes King Edward of England as his model and insists upon going about as England's King does, unostentatiously and freely. He tries also an anglicize his court and his home life and in appearance he has converted himself into as near an approach to a British citizen as is possible for one so distinctly Latin in type as he is.

English suits, hats, ties, waistcoats, an English way of wearing his hair and the long stride and vigorous outdoor air of the English gentleman—all this does the young King struggle to achieve, and in part he has succeeded. The gilded youth of Spain follow his example, so that English styles and English manners prevail in Madrid, and an English bulldog is considered the very latest touch to this effort to be Anglo-Saxon.

King Alfonso remains a boy in looks and view of life, notwithstanding he is the father of two princes. Spain regard him with affection tinged with respectful toleration. England, on the contrary, frankly admires him as the most romantic figure of present royalty. The whole country rang with his ingenuousness the other day when he refrained from going for a short flight in the Wilbur Wright airship because, as he naively informed those around him, he had "promised the Queen he would not." England loved that little story. All the sentiment in the seemingly phlegmatic Briton rose to applaud it, while Spain, the land of sentiment, received it but coldly.

QUEEN VICTORIA

is a devoted mother and spends more time with her two children than is usual with royal parents. She has become so matured in manner and appearance that any trace of the Princess Ena of only three years ago is hard to find.

The two little princes are fine boys and she has every reason to be proud of them. Spanish photographers have tried to picture them to her liking, but with small success, so she "command" the presence of the English photographer who had taken her portrait many times as a girl.

The Prince of the Asturias grows more English in appearance every day. He is very blond, blue eyed and rosy checked and very like his golden haired mother in features. He has also her placid temperament.

Don Jaime is a direct contrast to his brother. Though only a few months old he shows already a Spanish type and has all the nervous energy and vitality of King Alfonso, of whom in appearance he is a small counterpart.

The older and more conservative members of the Spanish court have openly wondered if Queen Victoria will realize that Spanish Princes must be brought up according to Spanish traditions, but all young Spain is heart and soul with the young Queen.

DELICATE LITTLE CHILDREN MADE WELL AND STRONG

The little ones are frail. Their hold on life is slight. A slight disorder may become serious if not promptly attended to. At the very first symptom of trouble Baby's Own Tablets should be given. This medicine promptly cures indigestion and all stomach troubles, constipation, diarrhoea, and brings the little teeth through painlessly. You can give the Tablets with equally good results to the new born baby or well grown child. Mrs. R. G. Flewell, Uxbridge, Ont., says:—"I have used Baby's Own Tablets and find them a perfect medicine for stomach and bowel troubles." Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

BELLS OF THIN IRON PLATES.

Curfew in Middle Ages—An Early Pearl of Bells.

There are several old bells in Scotland, Ireland and Wales; the oldest are often quaurangular, being made of thin iron plates which have been hammered and riveted together. At the monastery of St. Gall in Switzerland the four sided bell of the Irish missionary St. Gall, who lived in the seventh century, is still preserved; but more ancient still is the bell of St. Patrick in Belfast, which is ornamented with gold and gems and silver filigree work, says the London Globe.

The curfew bell is that about which most has been written and said. It has been thought that it was only used in England, but it was quite common on the Continent in the Middle Ages.

The ringing of bells by rope is still very popular in England, especially in the country, where almost every hamlet, however small, has its church with its peal of bells, which are often remarkably well rung. The first real peal of bells in this country was sent by Pope Calixtus III. to King's College, Cambridge, and was for 300 years the largest peal in England. About the beginning of the year 1500 sets of eight bells were hung in a few of the large churches.

In the middle of the seventeenth century a man named White wrote a famous work on bells in which he introduced the system of numbering them 1, 2, 3, 4, etc., on slips of paper in different orders, according to the changes intended to be rung. It is calculated that to ring all the changes upon twenty-four bells at two strokes a second would take 117 billion years!

One of the most famous bells in the world is the first great bell of Moscow, which now stands in the middle of a square in that city and is used as a chapel. This bell was cast in 1733, but was in the earth for over a hundred years, being raised in 1836 by the Emperor Nicholas. It is nearly twenty feet high, has a circumference of sixty feet, is two feet thick and weighs almost two hundred tons. The second Moscow bell which is the largest bell in the world that is actually in use, weighs 128 tons. There are several bells extant which weigh ten tons and over, of which Big Ben, the largest bell in England, weighing between thirteen and fourteen tons, is one. Big Ben is unfortunately cracked.

GRAND NEWS FOR OLD FOLKS

WHAT DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS DID FOR HIRAM BROWN.

Cured His Aches and Pains and Gave Him Restful Slumber — Known as the Old Folks' Friend.

East Mapleton, Cumberland Co., N. S., May 10 (Special).—Though well past the alloted span of life Mr. Hiram Brown of this place is still one of the grandest sights in life, a hale and hearty old gentleman. And like many another Canadian veteran he gives Dodd's Kidney Pills the credit for his abundant health.

"I am seventy-two years of age," Mr. Brown said in an interview, "and I want to say that Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me of Gravel and Kidney Trouble. I was troubled with Backache, Headache and Dizziness, Cramps in the Muscles and Stiffness of the Joints. My sleep was broken and at times my limbs would swell.

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HER APOLOGY.

Little Lester was trying to fix a broken toy when five-year-old Beatrice came into the room and said: "I am older than you. You are too little to do much of anything. Let me fix it."

Her papa told her it was not kind to speak that way, and to ask her brother to excuse her.

Throwing her arms around his neck she said, "Oh, Lester, please excuse me but you see it was just this way—I had to be born first."

PLAGUE IN INDIA.

The plague in India first made its appearance in Bombay, where the disease during the last ten years has wrought havoc, but at this time the mortality is one per day. The health department of the city is doing its utmost to keep down the disease. To this end about 10,000 rats are being killed each week.

Are you a sufferer with corns? If you are, get a bottle of Holloway's Corn Cure. It has never been known to fail.

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MORE THAN ONE WAY.

"John, dear," purred his wife, "what do you think I ought to wear to Mrs. Highmore's party week after next?"

"Oh, wear anything you like," impatiently answered John.

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A very pretty story is told of how the Queen of Holland was proposed to by her present husband. Before she was married she caused it to be known that only a prince who had a good knowledge of Dutch would be entertained as a suitor.

Prince Henry of Mecklenburg, who was very much enamoured, immediately set to work to learn the language. One day he and the young Queen were together, and she casually asked him if he knew much Dutch.

"Yes," he replied, "I am working very hard at it," and taking from his pocket a much-used primer he handed it to her.

Greatly pleased, she opened it, and found scribbled all over the front page the words "I love you" in Dutch. It was a novel way of proposing, but it was eminently successful, and from that moment the two young people considered themselves engaged.

There can be a difference of opinion on most subjects, but there is only one opinion as to the reliability of Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator. It is safe, sure and effectual.

ABSENT-HEADEED.

Mr. Dolan—What did Oi do wid me hat, Bridget?

Mrs. Dolan—Yez lift it on yer head, Moike.

Mr. Dolan—Begorra the nixt thing Oi will be leaving me head in me hat.

EVERY HOUSEKEEPER—must often act as a family physician. Painkiller for all the little ills, cuts and sprains as well as for bowel complaints, is indispensable. Avoid substitutes, there is but one "Painkiller"—Perry Davis', 25c and 50c.

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HELPING THEM OUT.

"Your cousin's medical practice, I suppose, doesn't amount to much yet?"

"No, I'm sorry to say. We relatives do all we can, however; but, of course, we can't be ill all the time!"

NO ROOM FOR ARGUMENT.

"Yes," said the young wife proudly, "father always gives something expensive when he makes presents."

"So I discovered when he gave you away," rejoined the young husband.

And with a large, open-faced sigh he continued to audit the monthly bill of his alleged better half.

A Woman's Sympathy

Are you discouraged? Is your doctor's bill a heavy financial load? Is your pain a heavy physical burden? I know what these mean to delicate women—I have been discouraged, too; but learned how to cure myself. I want to relieve your burdens. Why not end the pain and stop the doctor's bill? I can do this for you and will if you will assist me.

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"What was that?"

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S. S. No. 3, Rawdon, for April

Total marks 1,200.

Sr. IV—M McMullen 843, G Bailey 730, F Garrison 634.

Jr. IV—V Sharpe 929, L Sharpe 592.

III—O Smith 882, Melville Johnson 741, E Curtis 701, M Johnson 654, H Sharpe 579.

II—E Smith 1,106, E Dunkley 1 005, I Reid 899, C Hannah 885, V Scott 828, M Dunkley 783.

Part II—L Dunkley, L Johnson, V Hannah, G Linn, H Sharpe.

Part I—A Sharpe, C Hannah, M Dunkley.

Conduct marks—100. V Sharpe, L Sharpe, I Reid, V Hannah, C Hannah, all 100, E Dunkley 97, M McMullen 94, E Curtis 94, C Hannah 92, L Dunkley 92, M Dunkley 88, E Smith 84, O Smith 33, V Scott 82, M Dunkley 82, Melville Johnson 75, H Sharpe 67, G Bailey 56, M Johnson 54, H Sharpe 52, L Johnson 50, F Garrison 50, G Linn 48. A Sharpe 48.

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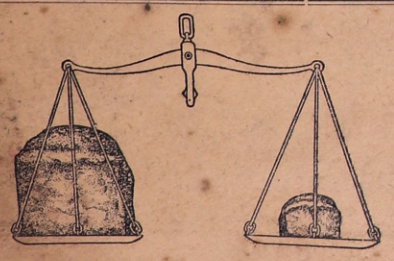

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The Story an Englishman Tells of an Amusing Incident In Which He Participated During a Visit to the Battlefield of Worth.

The docility and blind obedience of the German soldier have long been an object of comment. The Germans themselves recognize that it sometimes goes so far as to be absurd. An Englishman, writing in the London Times, describes an amusing incident which occurred after he had spent a day tramping about the battlefield of Worth. He was dressed, it should be noted, in regular civilian clothes and carried an umbrella:

Emerging from a wood, I came upon a plot of grass where about a dozen German soldiers were resting. The spirit moved me to stop and speak to these men—emphasizing my meaning by signs when my scant German vocabulary failed me.

I asked, "Are you Prussians?" The indignant answer, in chorus, was: "No! Saxons!"

"Oh," said I, wishing to conciliate, "I am Anglo-Saxon."

Much to my astonishment, one of them got up and shook me warmly by the hand. Pointing to my dusty boots and flannel shirt, unbuttoned at the neck, I then, in vile German, explained to my friends of five minutes' standing that I had made the grand tour of the battlefield on foot and had been walking since 9 o'clock in the morning, it then being 5 in the afternoon.

Quite casually I remarked that although "not a military, but a naval officer," the study of battlefields interested me.

At the mention of the word "officer" all the men sat up, buttoned their tunics and buckled on their swords or bayonets—I forget which.

"Are you going to Niederbronn?" was my next question.

"Yes," they replied; "we are going to walk to Niederbronn and there take the train to Bitsch."

What evil genius prompted me to make the next remark I cannot tell, but although uttered in joke its consequences were perfectly astounding.

"I, too, am going to Niederbronn. You are my regiment. I am your colonel!"

Up they sprang to their feet, fell in two deep and kept quite silent as if on parade. "Right turn!" and off we marched, I carrying my umbrella as if it were a sword.

Breasting a grassy slope, we marched up to the top at a swinging pace, still observing perfect silence and in step. A short distance off was a solitary soldier of the same regiment lying at full length on a bench near the entrance to a wood—tunic unbuttoned, sword unbuckled, and so forth.

On catching sight of the approaching squad up he jumped, buttoned his tunic, buckled on his weapon, stood rigidly at attention and when the "regiment" came by "tailed on" as if it was the most natural thing in the world to do.

Please note that not a word passed between the main body and the reenforcement. On entering the wood the leading file began to sing a marching song, the others joining in chorus.

By this time we were nearing Niederbronn and passed a man and his wife, who were evidently much astonished to see a disciplined body of men marching in strict military fashion under the command of a foreigner armed with an umbrella—not even a silk one!

A disconcerting thought arose. "What will happen if we chance across a German officer, and how, in my broken German, can I ever hope to explain this extraordinary assumption of command of the forces of the kaiser?" So without a moment's further delay I said to the men, "I must go to my hotel, which is over there," and bade them goodby.

These docile and amiable Saxons with one accord, taking time by the leading file, saluted, and I, having returned their salute, got out of sight as rapidly as possible. On peeping round the corner of a house there was my late "regiment" still marching with the regularity of clockwork.

Lincoln on Proof.

I suggest to him (Judge Douglas) that it will not avail him at all that he swells himself up, takes on dignity and calls people liars. * * * If you have ever studied geometry you remember that by a course of reasoning Euclid proves that all the angles in a triangle are equal to two right angles. Euclid has shown you how to work it out. Now, if you undertake to disprove that proposition and to show that it is erroneous would you prove it to be false by calling Euclid a liar?

He Understood.

"Now, Johnny, do you understand thoroughly why I am going to whip you?"

"Yes'm. You're in a bad humor this morning, and you've got to lick some one before you feel satisfied."—London Tit-Bits.

It Depended.

Chappy—Would you marry a woman who had sued another man for breach of promise? Sappy—It would depend largely on how much the jury had awarded her.—Club Fellow.

Hope, like the glimmering taper's light, adorns and cheers the way.—Goldsmith.

BY-LAW No. 249

(Passed in duplicate)

Entitled a By-law to authorize the issue of Debentures by the corporation of the Village of Stirling in the county of Hastings, for the purpose of purchasing a fire engine, apparatus and equipments for the same.

Whereas it has become necessary to purchase a fire engine, appartus and equipments for the same. And

Whereas it has been deemed expedient to purchase a fire engine, apparatus and equipments to meet the requirements of the corporation for the purpose of complete fire protection to be decided upon by the Council of the said Village of Stirling. And

Whereas the amount of debt to be created by this By-law is $3,500.00, payable in fifteen years with interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum. And

Whereas the total amount required by this By-law to be raised annually for paying the said debt and interest is $337.20. And

Whereas the amount of the whole rateable property of the Municipality, according to the last revised Assessment Roll, was $291,631.00. And

Whereas the amount of the existing Debenture debt of the Municipality is $13,373.05, of which there are no arrears, therefore the municipal corporation of the Village of Stirling enacts, and the same is enacted as follows:

Debenture for the purpose above recited to the extent of $3,500.00 is hereby authorized and directed to be issued.

The said Debenture shall have coupons attached thereto for the payment of principal and interest combined, and interest to be at the rate of five per cent. per annum, and said principal and interest, amounting to $337.20 per year for fifteen years, shall be paid on the first day of January in each year, beginning with the 1st day of January, A.D. 1911.

This By-law passed in open Council this 5th day of April, A.D. 1909. Signed, sealed and numbered 249.

G. G. THRASHER, Clerk. W. R. MATHER, Reeve.

Notice is hereby given that a By-law was passed by the corporation of the Village of Stirling on the 5th day of April, A.D. 1909, providing for the issuing of Debentures to the amount of $3,500.00, for the purpose of the installation of fire engine, apparatus and equipment, and that said By-law was registered in the Registry Office for the county of Hastings on the 10th day of April, A.D. 1909.

Any motion to quash or set aside the same, or any part thereof, must be made within three months of the day of registration and cannot be made thereafter.

Dated this 8th day of April, A.D. 1909.

G. G. THRASHER, Village Clerk.

In many places the license commissioners have made considerable reductions in the number of licenses, and altogether through the votes of the ratepayers and action of the license commissioners there are about two hundred less licensed bars this year than last.

Confessions of a Dramatists.

The production of a new play, "Penelope," written by Mr. Somerset Maugham, at the Comedy Theatre, London, once more calls attention to the phenomenal success of this young dramatist. Mr. Maugham is only 34, and yet he has had the enviable experience of having four plays running in London at the same time, attracting, it was estimated, 35,000 people a week, the gross receipts varying between $25,000 and $30,000 for the same period. He recently confessed that it only took him three or four weeks to write a play; but it took another nine to think it out, he added, and, furthermore, he wishes it to be understood that the assertion that he can write a play with each hand and foot at the same time is an exaggeration. Here are one or two extracts from his confessions. "Playwriting to me is the most delightful occupation there is. Writing plays is a knack that some people have and some have not. It is like playing golf. One man will play well after a month, another will never play at all."

Error of Judgment.

"I thought, count, you were a dead shot?"

"I am."

"And yet, though you said you would shoot your adversary through the heart, you hit him in the foot?"

"It was an error of judgment. I thought his heart was in his boots. It turned out to be in its right place."

Wouldn't Be Convinced.

"Bobson thinks he plays a good game of bridge."

"Yes, he does. I spent $27 the other night trying to disabuse him of the idea—and failed."

Plenty of It.

"Judging from the amount of it killed in this settlement," remarked a visitor in Plunkville, "I persoom there must be a bounty on time."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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If you are troubled with moths in the house, try putting blotting paper well saturated with turpentine in the drawers, among the furs and bedclothes, or wherever there is any danger of the moths working their depredations; it can even be put along the edges of carpets. Turpentine is the best preventive of moths I have discovered.—WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION for May.

A book on Rheumatism, and a trial treatment of Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Remedy—liquid or Tablets is being sent free to sufferers by Dr. Shoop of Racine, Wis. You that are well, get this book for some disheartened sufferer! Do a simple act of humanity! Point out this way to quick and certain relief! Surprise some sufferer, by first getting from me the booklet and the test. He will appreciate your aid. Sold by J. S. Morton.

S. S. No. 7, Rawdon, for April

Class IV—J Bateman, G Tucker, K Doak, W Sine, J Downs, E Drewry.

Class III—C Tucker, T Conley, F Demorest, M Bateman.

Class II—A Hagerman, E Drewry, J Robinson, Evelyn Drewry.

A. FETTES, Teacher.

S. S. No. 17, Sidney, for April

Sr. IV—Total 200—J MacDonald 211.

Jr. IV—300. E Lohnes 172, E Mabee 122, I Jarvis 111.

Sr. III—300. F Bell 150, L Jarvis 120, C Rupert 105.

Jr. III—300. F Armstrong 199, H Lohnes 192, E Mabee 179, G Wallis 74.

Sr. II—150. M Sullivan 115.

Jr. II—200. E Wannamaker 106, H Rupert 56.

Sr. Pt. II—100. P Wannamaker 60.

Jr. Pt. II—100. R Armstrong 50.

Pt. I (a)—100. D MacDonald 95, K Sullivan 87, H Sullivan 58.

Pt. I (b).—25. F Wannamaker 20, F Hearnes 20, H MacDonald 15.

Pt. I (c)—25. A Sullivan 15, B Hearnes 15, R Wallis 5.

Conduct marks—320. J MacDonald 283, highest.

Visitors—Mrs. Roy Workman, Mr. H. J. Clarke, I.P.S.

Average attendance, 19.

H. MCMULLEN, Teacher.

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A Dairy Farm's Competition

A committee composed of leading farmers and dairymen representing the dairy cattle breeders' associations and the dairymen's associations of Ontario, have completed arrangements for the holding this year of a dairy farms competition through Ontario. The prizes will consist of 60 gold and silver medals and diplomas, as well as a large number of special prizes, the details of which have not yet been arranged.

The Province will be divided into four districts as follows:—from Kingston east; from Kingston to Yonge St., Toronto; western Ontario, north and south of a line running from Hamilton to Goderich. There will be a competition this year for the best farms in each district and 5 gold and 10 silver medals will be offered this year in each district.

The farms will be judged twice; once about July 1 and again some time in December, thus giving the judges an opportunity to see the farms under winter and summer conditions.

Next year the farms in eastern Ontario and all farms in western Ontario which win prizes in the competition this year will be allowed to compete in special competitions to decide the best farm in eastern Ontario and the best farm in western Ontaio. Two years from now it is proposed to hold a final competition, in which the leading farms for both eastern and western Ontario will compete to decide the best farm in the Province. Exceptionally fine prizes will be offered in this final competition.

All branches of farm work will be included in the competiiion. In all 1000 points will be offered. These have been subdivided as follows; House and surroundings 150; farm buildings 150; live stock 200; crops 200; farm management 150; farm machinery 75; permanent improvements 75. Several prizes will be offered to the farms that score the highest points on the house and surroundings; on poultry; on orchards and other similar departments.

Competitions of this kind were held in Ontario some 25 years ago, and created great interest. The gold medal farmer in the Province at that time was Mr. Simpson Rennie, the well known Farmers' Institute speaker, who now lives in Toronto.

The committee which has charge of the competition is composed of Messrs. H. Glendinning of Manilla; G. A. Gillespie of Peterboro, representing the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Ass'n; Mr. D. A. Demsey of Stratford, and C. R. Wallace of Burgessville, representing the Western Ontario Dairymen's Ass'n; Mr. W. M. Ballantyne of Stratford, D. Duncan of Don, George McKenzie of Thornhill, R. F. Hicks of Newtonbrook, Gordon Gooderham of York Mills, Simpson Rennie and W. G. Ellis of Toronto and H. B. Cowan of Peterboro, the Secretary.

Full particulars about the competition may be obtained from the Secretary. Already a number of leading farmers in Ontario have indicated their intention to take part, which promises to create a great interest and be productive of much good.

Fruit Pest Legislation

It is to be regretted that the Ontario Legislature saw fit to shelve for another year the request of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association that certain other injurious orchard pests and diseases be incorporated in the Act to Prevent the Spread of the San Jose Scale. The codling moth, crown gall and other orchard troubles should be controlled by the law. The codling moth played havoc with many orchards last year. The damage from these pests increases as the years go by and will become a permanent menace to fruit-growing until their control, so far as practicable, is made compulsory.

We are informed that the Department of Agriculture intends to distribute copies of the proposed Act throughout the province for consideration by Ontario fruit growers, and that unless objection is raised to it the Act will be passed at the next session. Fruit growers who do not receive a copy may obtain one by applying to Mr. P. W. Hodgetts, Parliament Buildings, Toronto. The proposed Act should have the support of all persons interested in the advancement of the fruit industry of Ontario.—Canadian Horticulturist.

The Government is about to send a commission to Great Britain and Denmark to study the bacon industry.

A by-law to grant to the Trent Valley Woollen Mfg Co. of Campbellford a fixed assessment of $50,000 for a period of twenty years was voted on last Monday and was carried. In return for this reduction in their assessment the Woollen Co. agree to enlarge their premises and employ 75 more hands than their present yearly average.

A tickling or dry cough can be quickly loosened with Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy. No opium, no chloroform, nothing unsafe or harsh. Sold by J. S. Morton.

Stirling School Board

A meeting of the Board was held on Friday evening at the office of the Secretary.

Members present: Chairman M. Bird, J. S. Morton, F. T. Ward, Dr. C. F. Walt, Dr. H. H. Alger, W. J. Reynolds, W. S. Martin, John Shaw, Dr. G. W. Faulkner, Dr. J. D. Bissonnette.

Moved by J. S. Morton, seconded by Dr. Walt, that the matter of the Bank account be taken out of the Finance Committee and be dealt with by the Board.

Moved by F. T. Ward, seconded by Dr. Alger, that the account of the News-Argus be laid over until the next meeting.

Moved and seconded that the following accounts be paid: J. D. Collip, wreath, $5.55; G. G. Thrasher, secretary, $2.03.

Dr. Bissonnette, chairman of the Property Committee, read a report and on motion the same was adopted and filed.

A communication was received from Miss Free, and filed.

Moved by Dr. Faulkner, seconded by Dr. Walt, that the report of the Public School inspector be received and filed.

Moved by Dr. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Ward, that any of the representatives of roofing companies be heard in reference to the quality of shingles, etc. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Alger, seconded by Mr. Ward, that the tenders be laid over for future consideration, so that other tenderers might be heard.

Moved by Dr. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Ward that the question of the Bank account be laid over until next meeting, when it will be definitely decided, and that the managers of both Banks be notified.

Moved by Dr. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Reynolds, that the Secretary be instructed to write the Pedlar Company concerning the guarantee offered by their agent, and also write the secretary of the Orillia Public School Board asking reference re roofing they have on their school building.

On motion the Board adjourned.

G. G. THRASHER, Sec.-Treas.

Village Council.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the village Council held on Monday evening, May 3rd at the Council Chamber.

Members all present. Minutes of last regular and special meetings were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. Meiklejohn, seconded by Mr. Haight, the following accounts were ordered to be paid:

B. R. Wright, carting coal	$ 60
James Conley, placing bell	2 25
John Green, work and constable fees	18 58
B. R. Wright, wood for Mrs. Smith	4 30
C. J. Boldrick, insurance	12 00
Jas. Ackers, meals for tramps	1 00
J. W. Cummings, work on walks	64 98
G. G. Thrasher, express and freight	2 51
J. T. Belshaw, building fence	3 08

The Clerk was insstructed to notify Mrs. Tulloch to refrain from using the street immediately adjoining where the county crusher is at work.

The Council having received an option from Mr. W. J. Graham on his property for fire hall and electric light station, it was moved by Mr. Meiklejohn, seconded by Mr. Coulter, that this Council accept Mr. Graham's offer, in accordance with the substance of the option, and that the same be paid for in cash in 60 days from the 15th of May, upon completion of the title by the vendor, and that everything is satisfactory. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Coulter, seconded by Mr. Meiklejohn that the rules be suspended for the purpose of introducing and passing a by-law for a Court of Revision. Carried.

The by-law was then passed through its several readings and passed, numbered 250.

The Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Wm. Mitchell that his services would no longer be required as caretaker of the old fire hall and engine after the 1st day of June next.

Council adjourned.

G. G. THRASHER, Clerk.

The Grand Trunk Pacific will spend $10,000,000 in construction work in the western provinces this season, and trains will be running between Winnipeg and Edmonton this fall. Shops to cost one million dollars will be built at Winnipeg.

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PRISONER SHOOTS THREE MEN

Startling Deed at Windsor of Man Arrested for Bicycle Stealing.

A despatch from Windsor says: Without a word of warning, Herman Martin, alias Kraft, a bicycle-thief, pulled a big 38-calibre revolver out of his hip pocket as the officers were about to search him at police headquarters on Friday night, and fired five shots in quick succession, four of which took effect. George B. Quamby, caretaker of the City Hall, is the most seriously wounded, the bullet entering through the fleshy part of the arm and lodging in the back just behind the shoulder. Police Sergeant William Reid was shot twice. One ball took off a piece of the finger of his left hand, and another hit him in the right shoulder, making a bad but not serious flesh wound. Policeman William Lister was shot through the right arm. That none of the officers were killed is little short of a miracle, as the shots were fired at a range of less than five feet.

Immediately after the shooting the prisoner ran out of the building and hid in McLain's lumber yard, close by, where he was captured a few minutes later by Policeman Frank Cade. Martin made no resistance.

DROWNED AT GALT.

Two Students Went Out in Canoe and Upset.

A despatch from Galt says: The first drowning accident of the season in the Grand River occurred about 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon. The victim was Carl Stahlschmidt, son of Mr. W. Stahlschmidt of Preston. Clarence Goodfellow, son of Mr. B. Goodfellow, Galt, had a narrow escape. All went well until just back of the collegiate, when the canoe capsized. Goodfellow was able to swim, but Stahlschmidt was not. The former made a heroic attempt to save his companion's life. He grasped him and held him above the water for some time. Finally Stahlschmidt in his struggles carried Goodfellow down twice, and the latter was compelled to release his hold. He swam to the shore completely exhausted, and had to be assisted up the bank. Stahlschmidt sank immediately. The body was recovered at 6 o'clock.

TOWN IN ALGOMA BURNED.

Only a Few Building Are Left in Chelmsford.

A despatch from Chelmsford says: Chelmsford was visited on Tuesday night by the most disastrous fire in the history of the town. Practically the whole town, with the exception of two hotels and two churches, was burned to the ground. The fire started in the dwelling above Pyne Bros. general store by the explosion of a gasoline lamp at 10.15 p.m. At 12.30 the whole business block was a mass of ruins. The burned buildings include Pyne Bros.' general store, J. David's pool-room and barber shop, J. Large's general store, Dumas' shoe store, Cayen's bake shop, the Methodist church, and other buildings, including stables and outhouses. A conservative estimate of the total loss is $30,000, with little insurance. There was no fire protection in the town.

FATHER ATTACKED BOY.

Sad Case at Brantford Arising Out of Theft Charge.

A despatch from Brantford says: The police had a peculiar case to deal with on Saturday. On Friday night Messrs. Higginbotham & Cameron's Drug store was robbed. Suspicion fell on the fourteen-year-old boy employed at the store, and his detention followed. His father on being notified, went to the police station, where he became so enraged that he lost his mental balance, making an attempt to kill the boy. Three constables had all they could do to subdue him, but not before he had done considerable damage at the police station. Only a couple of dollars were secured at the robbery.

TWO BIG FAILURES.

Member of One Firm Placed Under Arrest at Montreal.

A despatch from Montreal says: Two of the heaviest business failures that have occurred in Montreal for a long time were filed here on Saturday, in each case there being a very marked difference between the liabilities and assets of the insolvent firms. Israel Grossman went under with liabilities of $85,815. It is estimated by the liquidators that his assets will be in the neighborhood of $10,000, after taking out the secured creditors. After being in business for less than a year, Messrs. Shaer and Eliasoph, also assigned on Saturday. They had accumulated liabilities of $34,023, and outside of their secured creditors their estate is appraised at about $7,000. Mr. Eliasoph, the financial member of the firm, was arrested, charged with attempting to defraud his creditors. He pleaded not guilty and was liberated on $1,000 bail.

STRIKE AT OWEN SOUND.

C. P. R. Dockmen so Decide by a Large Majority.

A despatch from Owen Sound says: The result of a ballot of the striking Canadian Pacific Railway through freight men taken on Sunday, was an almost unanimous decision to continue the strike and reject the offer made on Saturday night by the company of a scale of 16 cents an hour for day work and 18 cents an hour for Sunday and night work. The suggestion of some of the leaders that the men would accept this offer was turned down on Saturday night at a meeting in Victoria Park and again at a meeting in the Town Hall, where a ballot showed 115 against and 15 for the acceptance of the offer.

INDIAN CONSPIRATORS.

Eighteen Were Sentenced in Court at Alipur.

A despatch from Calcutta says: Sentences were handed down on Thursday in the court of Alipur, a suburb of Calcutta, in the cases of thirty-five natives who were arrested here last summer charged with complicity in the Anarchist conspiracy of May, 1908. Two of the men were condemned to death, ten to transportation for life, three to transportation for ten years, three to transportation for seven years, while eighteen were acquitted. Ashutosh Biswas, a public prosecutor, who was engaged in the conduct of these cases, was shot dead in the Alipur court last February.

TO BUILD DIRIGIBLE AIRSHIPS

Scientific Department Has Been Created by the British Government.

A despatch from London says: The Government has taken an important step in recognition of the obviously growing seriousness of the problem of aeronautics from the national standpoint, by the creating of a new scientific department to study the problem in reference to Imperial defence. Prime Minister Asquith announced on Wednesday in the House of Commons that the work of devising and building dirigible airships had been divided between the army and the navy. With the view to ensuring that the highest scientific talent will be brought to bear on the task, the Government has requested the National Physical Laboratory to organize a special department for continuous investigations, experimental and otherwise, of the questions which must from time to time be solved in order to adequately guide the construction of airships. The investigations will be carried out under a special committee, of which Lord Rayleigh is president, and R. T. Glazebrook, chairman. Several other prominent physicists are members. Adequate funds have been allotted for the work.

From a conversation with Secretary of War Haldane it was gathered that the Government's Defence Committee is resolved to try to place Great Britain in the forefront of the world in scientific investigation of aviation. The new department will exist for continuous research, and experiment with models, somewhat as warship designers do. The army and navy are experimenting with air vessels of all types, and will submit their problems to the committee, which will endeavor to discover sufficiently the causes of defects, and suggest remedies, which will be tested by the experimenters. The aim is to make the organization the most complete in the world. It is understood that the visit of Orville and Wilbur Wright to the War Office had a direct bearing on the new scheme.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Telegraphic Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of Recent Events.

CANADA.

Judge Hanington of New Brunswick is dead.

The T. & N. O. Railway Commission gave an order for 2,000 tons of rails.

A conference of Provincial Premiers may be held in British Columbia this year.

The C. N. R. has taken over the charter of the Saskatchewan Northwestern Railway.

The Attorney-General of Ontario says the investigation of the Kinrade case will not be dropped.

The organization of a corps of school cadet instructors is authorized by the Department of Militia.

Three children of Charles Crossman were suffocated in a fire that gutted the family residence at Sackville, N.B.

John Ostrander, a Hamilton cab driver, was sentenced to two months in pail for overcharging a passenger.

Mr. W. B. Calder of Beamsville, who was stopped and robbed by a highwayman, followed the thief and effected his capture with the aid of a policeman.

The Council of the Strathcona Trust have decided to offer cash prizes for essays on the best method of introducing physical and military training in the schools.

GREAT BRITAIN.

In a speech at Liverpool Lord Charles Beresford lectured the British people upon their excitability.

It is understood that an Imperial conference on the defence of the empire will probably be called for July.

The Cunard Steamship Line is estimating the time lost by the stops made at Queenstown by mail steamers.

J. Pointer, the Labor candidate, was elected to the British Commons from the Attercliffe division of Sheffield.

UNITED STATES.

The steamer Shores is reported lost on Lake Superior, with twenty-one passengers on board.

Walter Wellman will make an attempt in August to reach the north pole in a dirigible balloon.

Seventy-seven persons were killed by automobiles in New York during the past twelve months.

Prof. Chas. A. Publow, of Cornell University, has been offered a place on the Royal Commission which is to investigate the sources of Canada's milk supply.

GENERAL.

The Shah of Persia has proclaimed a political amnesty.

Hilmi Pasha has again become Grand Vizier of Turkey.

Two men and a boy were killed by a live wire in Paris.

The Shah of Persia has garnted his people a new constitution.

The general weakness of the Pope is causing anxiety at the Vatican

The explosion of a bomb injured twenty persons in Buenos Ayres.

Massacres of Christians took place at Adana again on Monday.

Chancellor Von Buelow threatens to resign unless his financial reform plans are adopted.

Thirteen civilians and soldiers convicted of murder were hanged in Constantinople on Monday.

The French Government has bid defiance to the labor unions that are trying to force its hand.

The girding of the sword on Mohemmed V., the new Sultan, took place at Constantinople on Monday.

A compromise will probably be reached on the points in dispute in regard to the South African Union.

Five hundred pianos and nearly ten thousand revolvers have been found in the Yildiz Kiosk, the palace of the deposed Sultan.

Premier Clemenceau of France declares he will resign rather than yield to the revolutionary civil servants.

It is believed that the crew of the American whaling ship, Carrie D. Knowles, who have been mourned as dead for over four years, are incarcerated in a Venezuelan prison.

TIMBER GOING FAST.

None East of Rockies in Fifty Years, Says Expert.

A despatch from Chicago says: Within ten or fifteen years, according to J. H. Finney, Secretary and Treasurer of the Appalachian Forestry Association, there will not be a stick of timber standing east of the Rockies, and within fifty years the entire country will be as barren of timber as the American desert, unless something is done to avert the disaster. This statement is made in a communication to the Traffic Club. Regarding the coal situation, Mr. Finney declares the country consumes on an average five tons per capita and wastes three.

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Dairy Produce at

Toronto, May 11.—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents $4.90 to $5 to-day in buyers' sacks outside for export; on track, Toronto, $5.30 to $5.40. Manitoba flour first patents, $6.10 to $6.40, on track, Toronto; second patents, $5.50 to $5.90, and strong bakers', $5.40 to $5.80, on track, Toronto.

Wheat—No. 1 Northern, May delivery, $1.28, Bay ports; No. 2, $1.25¼ and No. 3 $1.23⅛.

Ontario wheat—No. 2, $1.25 outside.

Barley—No. 3 extra 60c. outside, and No. 3 58c. outside.

Oats—Ontario No. 2 white 48 to 48½ c. on track, Toronto, and 46 to 46½ outside; No. 2 Western Canada 48c., and No. 3 47c. outside.

Peas—No. 2, 95 to 96c. outside.

Rye—No. 2 73 to 74c. outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 95 to 96c. outside.

Corn—No. 2 American yellow 81½c. on track, Toronto, and No. 2 at 80½c. on track, Toronto. Canadian yellow, 75 to 76c. on track, Toronto.

Bran—Cars of Manitoba, $23.50 in sacks; Toronto freights. Shorts, $24.50 to $25, Toronto freights.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—$4 to $5 for choice qualities, and $3 to $3.50 for seconds.

Beans—Prime, $1.90 to $2, and hand-picked, $2.10 to $2.15 per bushel.

Honey—Combs, $2 to $2.75 per dozen, and strained, 10 to 11c. per lb.

Maple Syrup—95c. to $1 a gallon.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, 12 to $13 a ton on track here, and lower grades at $10 to $10.50 a ton.

Straw—$7.50 to $8 on track.

Potatoes—Car lots, 85 to 90c. per bag on track. Delawares, $1.10 to $1.15.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 15 to 17c. per lb.; fowl, 12 to 13c.; turkeys, 20 to 22c. per lb.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 21 to 23c; tubs and large rolls, 16 to 18c; inferior, 14 to 15c.; creamery rolls, 25 to 26c., and solids, 20 to 21c.

Eggs—Case lots, 19c. per dozen.

Cheese—Large cheese, old, 14 to 14¼c. per pound and twins, 14¼ to 14½c.; new cheese, dull at 12¼ to 12½c.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 13 to 13¼c. per lb. in case lots; mess pork, $21 to $21.50; short cut, $23 to $24.

Hams—Light to medium, 14 to 15c, do. heavy, 13 to 13½c.; rolls, 11½ to 11¾c.; shoulders, 10¾ to 11c.; backs, 17 to 17½c.; breakfast bacon 15½ to 16c.

Lard—Tierces, 13¼c.; tubs, 13½c.; pails, 13¾c.

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, May 5: Peas—No. 2, $1.05 to $1.06. Oats—Canadian Western No. 2, 52 to 52½c.; extra No. 1 feed, 51 to 51½c.; No. 1 feed, 50½ to 50c.; No. 2 barley, 66 to 67c.; feed, 59½ to 60c.; buckwheat, 69½ to 70c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, $6.10; do., seconds, $5.60; Manitoba strong bakers', $5.40; Winter wheat patents, $5.75; straight rollers, $5.50 to $5.60; do., in bags, $2.70 to $2.75; extras, in bags, $2.25 to $2.35. Feed—Manitoba bran, $22 to $23; do., shorts, $24 to $25; Ontario bran, $23 to $24; do., shorts, $24.50 to $25; Ontario middlings, $25 to $25.50; pure grain mouillie, $33 to $35; mixed mouillie $28 to $30. Cheese—11½ to 11¾c. Butter—24¾ to 25c.; old stock, 19½ to 22½c. Eggs—19 to 19½c. per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Chicago May 11.—Wheat—Cash—No. 2 red, $1.48 to $1.49½; No. 3 red, $1.43 to $1.47; No. 2 hard, $1.29 to $1.39; No. 3 hard, $1.25 to $1.33; No. 1 Northern, $1.30 to $1.31½; No. 2 Northern, $1.27 to $1.30; No. 3 Spring, $1.25 to $1.30. Corn—No. 2, 74 to 74½c.; No. 2 white, 75c.; No. 2 yellow, 74¾ to 75c.; No. 3, 73 to 73¾c.; No. 3 yellow, 74½ to 74¾c.; No. 4, 73c. Oats—No. 2 white, 58c.; No. 3 white, 56 to 58c.; No. 4 white, 55 to 57c.; standard, 58c.

Minneapolis, May 11.—Wheat—May, $1.28⅜; July, $1.25½; Sept., $1.07½ to $1.07⅝; Cash, No. 1 hard, $1.29¼ to $1.29¾; No. 1 Northern, $1.28¼ to $1.28¾; No. 2 Northern, $1.26¼ to $1.26¾; No. 3 Northern, $1.24¼ to $1.25¼. Flour—First patents, $6.10 to $6.30; second patents, $6 to $6.20; first clears, $4.75 to $4.95; second clears $3.45 to $3.55. Bran—In bulk, $23.50 to $24.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, May 11.—Milkmen's strippers sold from 3½ to near 5c. per lb.; prime beeves sold at 5½ to 6c.; pretty good animals, 4½ to 5¼c.; common stock, 3 to 4½c. per lb. Milch cows from $25 to $55 each. Calves from $2 to $8 each. The sheep were all shorn, and sold at 5 to 6c. per lb. Lambs, $3.50 to $6.50 each. Good lots of fat hogs sold at about 8c. per lb.

Toronto, May 13.—The demand for butcher cattle was so strong that everything of fair quality and weight sold readily at from $5 to $5.50. Stockers and feeders rose from 25 to 50 cents. Heavy feeding steers were selling from $5 upwards. Milkers and springers, active demand for best grades, but common unsaleable. Calves, firm and unchanged. Sheep and lambs, firm and unchanged. Hogs, $7.40 to $7.50 fed and watered, and $7.15 to $7.25 f.o.b.

LIGHTNING KILLS STUDENT

Another Was Seriously Injured on the Campus of Woodstock College.

A despatch from Woodstock, Ont., says: In the severe electrical storm which passed over the city late on Thursday afternoon lightning struck and killed James Merrigold, aged 15, of Hamilton. Edgar Knight, aged 18, of Burk's Falls, was also struck, and for a time it was thought that he was fatally injured. He revived, however, and at night was pronounced out of danger. Both young men were students of Woodstock College, and were on the campus when the tragedy occurred. An inter-year football match was in progress when the storm came up, about 5.30 o'clock, and a conference took place as to whether or not the game should be postponed. Most of the boys, together with a number of spectators, took shelter under a tree on the campus.

When it was decided to postpone the game, all but Merrigold and Knight ran for the building. The two lads remained under the tree. The players had just reached the college building when a bolt struck young Merrigold and his companion. Seeing their plight, the boys rushed out and brought the lads in. Merrigold only lived a short time, and it was only by the utmost effort by the doctors that Knight's life was saved. The tree under which they were standing was not struck. The dead lad was a son of Robt. Merrigold, of Hamilton, formerly of this city.

BLINDED BY LIME.

Two Ottawa Children Victims of an Explosion.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Sparling Beach, the ten-year-old son of Mr. Beach of 275 McLeod street, had an eye burned out and the other injured, and his four-year-old sister, Annie Beach, had her eyes also burned in an explosion of lime. The boy and his sister were playing in the yard with a tomato can filled with lime, and wishing to see it boil, poured water into the can. Both children were leaning over it at the time, when it exploded in their faces, with the results stated. It is probable that the boy will eventually lose his sight, while the girl will probably recover the use of both her eyes.

ROYAL CHIEF TO SIX NATIONS.

Letter from Prince of Wales Joyously Acclaimed.

A despatch from Brantford says: Three rousing war whoops marked the conclusion of the reading of a long letter from the Prince of Wales to the Six Nation Indians in council at Ohsweken on Tuesday. The Prince thanked the chiefs for electing him to the Turtle Clan, and expressed the belief that should the occasion arise the Six Nations would be found worthy of their glorious traditions in the field.

B. C. RANCHES FIRESWEPT.

Settlers are Forced to Flee for Their Lives.

A despatch from Kamloops, B. C., says: Hundreds of thousands of dollars in property have been destroyed and scores of ranchers forced to flee for their lives as the result of a disastrous bush fire that swept the country from Notch Hill as far east as Three Valley and south from Sicamous as far as Vernon. Among the losses are two large sawmills, the Carlin Mill, $75,000, and the Carrigan Mill, on Salmon River, $35,000. Several mill hands had to flee for their lives. Three large bush fires have been burning for several days and a gale soon brought them into contact. In Mara District the loss will be heaviest, for scores of ranch properties are completely devastated. On the main line of the C.P.R. fences and telegraph lines are destroyed for nearly twenty miles. West of Kamloops wires are down from high winds. Reports show that destructive fires are still burning in Spallumcheen Valley, near Enderby.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN DAMAGED.

Big C. P. R. Liner Had a Narrow Escape.

A despatch from St. John's Nfld., says: A very narrow escape was encountered by the C. P. R. liner Lake Champlain, inward bound, with her 737 passengers on Thursday evening, when the big vessel collided, head-on, with an iceberg, sustaining injuries which necessitated her putting into port and landing her passengers here. The accident occurred some fifty miles out from Cape Race, about 6 o'clock in the evening, during a dense fog. Fortunately, the Lake Champlain was going very slowly, or there would be no report of the accident until the wreckage was picked up, as nothing is so disastrous to a steamer as a collision with an iceberg.

BURNED IN PRAIRIE FIRE

Theodore Bruning, a Saskatchewan Farmer Lost His Lite.

A despatch from Moose Jaw says: The body of Theodore Bruning, a farmer, who lived about eighty-five miles south of Moose Jaw, reached the city on Thursday morning. He had lost his life in a prairie fire which started near Limerick on Monday, and bore westward with terrible rapidity. Bruning's own place was well protected and he rushed over to help save the place of a neighbor by starting a back fire. The main fire came on so rapidly, however, that before he could get to a place of safety the flames were upon him. The unfortunate man lived through the night, but died Tuesday morning. He was 38 years of age, and had been in the country less than a year, coming from Minto, N. D. He was starting farming on a large scale, having two sections of land. He leaves a widow, but no family.

The latest reports from the burned districts to the south and south-west of the city confirm the worst fears respecting the serious nature of the damage done. Many settlers lost nearly everything they possessed. One of the heaviest losers was H. Cathcart, who had a thrashing outfit, a stable, a shed, and much machinery destroyed, making a total loss of $5,000. Henry Bates lost considerable grain, his implements and a large new barn, making a total loss of about $3,000. J. Downey lost two cars of lumber, which he had just removed to his farm to erect new buildings.

MILITIA CAMPS MUST BE DRY

Stringent Orders Have Been Issued to Commanding Officers.

A despatch from Ottawa says: As a result of a conference of the Dominion Alliance and the Moral and Social Reform Council with Sir Frederick Borden and the Militia Council recently regarding camps of instruction, Colonel Lessard, Adjutant-General, has sent out the following letter to the various militia officers:—"In view of the near approach of the dates for the camps of instruction this year, I have the honor by direction to inform you that the Minister wishes you to take all possible precautions to prevent the sale of liquor in camps, in officers' as well as in all other messes and canteens, even to members of the same, it being contrary to law. I am to state that the Minister will hold you as well as all other commandants personally responsible that the law is not broken, and that no spirituous liquor whatever is sold in the camp."

"Why I Recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills"

The Particulars of a Remarkable Cure Told by a Presbyterian Clergyman---The Sufferer Brought Back from Death's Door.

"Why I recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

St. Andrew's Manse.
Cardigan, P.E.I., Jan. 1908.

Though I have never been sick myself, and have not had occasion to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, I thought you ought to know of the remarkable cure they have wrought in Mr. Olding's case.

During a visit to my home in Merigomish, N. S., some years ago, I was grieved to find our next door neighbor and friend, Michael Olding, very low. "He is not expected to live," my mother informed me, "And you must go over and see him as he is liable to pass away at any moment." "Not expected to live," that was the opinion not only of the doctor who attended him, but of his wife and family as well. Upon visiting him myseif I found abundant evidence to confirm their opinion.

Mr. Olding had for years been afflicted with asthma and bronchitis, but now a complication of diseases was ravishing his system. He had been confined to his bed for months and was reduced to a skeleton. Though evidently glad to see me, he conversed with the greatest difficulty, and seemed to realize that it was the beginning of the end. He was daily growing weaker; his feet were swollen to twice their natural size, and the cold hand of death was upon his brow. "It's no use," he said feebly, "the doctors medicine is not helping me and I am going down rapidly." I prayed with him as for a man soon to pass into eternity, and when I took his hand in parting it was the last time I expected to see him in the flesh.

Three years later while on another visit to my mother's Michael Olding was seemingly in better health than I had ever seen him, for, as I said, he had always been ailing. In sheer desperation he had asked his wife to get him Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They soon began to help him. His appetite and strength began to improve, and to the astonishment of his family and friends he rapidly regained his health. Now, though the burden of well nigh four score years is upon him, he is able to do a fair day's work, and is in the enjoyment of good health, even the asthma has ceased to trouble him as in former years.

Mr. Olding himself, as well as his neighbors and the writer of this letter, confidently believe that his rescue from the very jaws of death—seemingly so miraculous—is due under the blessing of God to the timely and continuous use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

REV. EDWIN SMITH, M.A.

Mr. Olding himself writes:—"I am glad Rev. Mr. Smith has written you about my wonderful cure, for I confidently believe that if it had not been for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I would have been dead long ago. It would be impossible to exaggerate the desperate condition I was in when I began to use the Pills. No one thought I could get better. I scarcely dared hope myself that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills would bring me through, but they did and I have ever since enjoyed good health. Though I am seventy-nine years old people are always remarking on how young I look—and I feel young. I can do a fair day's work, and I am better in every way than I had been for years. I cannot say too much in praise of Dr. Wiliams' Pink Pills and I take every opportunity I can to recommend them to friends who are ailing."

ALCOHOL IN BUNS.

Hot Cross Buns Have Been Laying Traps for Teetotalers.

A terrible indictment against the hot cross bun is framed by the London "Lancet."

This innocent-looking article of food has always been regarded as at least harmless, but the "Lancet" has discovered that it has been taking advantage of its innocuous appearance and reputation to lay a trap for unwary teetotalers. The average hot cross bun, it is now stated, contains about 7.2 grains of alcohol, and the man who eats twenty buns will obtain as much alcohol as he would get in a glass of beer.

The "Lancet" makes the further terrible disclosure that most bread also contains alcohol, which, of course, is the product of the fermentation of the yeast used to make the bread—and the buns—rise.

There may be some consolation for teetotalers in the announcement that it is possible to make teetotal bread and buns, but no yeast must be used.

THE ILLS OF CHILDHOOD HOW TO CURE THEM

In thousands of homes throughout Canada Baby's Own Tablets is the only medicine used when the children are ailing, and the mother who keeps this medicine on hand may feels as safe as though there was a doctor constantly in the home. Baby's Own Tablets cure all stomach and bowel troubles, break up colds, destroy worms, and make teething easy. Guaranteed free from opiates and poisonous drugs. Mrs. Geo. Wilson, Wilson's, N. B., says:—"I began using Baby's Own Tablets about five years ago, and since then have used no other medicine for my children. They never fail to bring relief, and I would advise all mothers to try them." Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

BURYING TONS OF GOLD.

Investors in gold-mining securities will be interested to learn that an American lady computed not long ago that in the United States alone half a ton of pure gold, equivalent to $500,000, is annually put as filling into the teeth of the living. Inasmuch as none of this precious metal is ever extracted after death, the shrewd calculator further reckoned that at the rate stated a quantity of gold equal to all that is now in circulation will, in the course of three centuries, be lying in the ground again. It is strange to think that one digger—the sexton, to wit—is constnatly returning to mother earth nearly as much gold as the other digger is constantly extracting from her bosom.

The first sleeping-car was seen in 1858, and the first vestibule-train in 1886.

FROM ERIN'S GREEN ISLE

NEWS BY MAIL FROM IRELAND'S SHORES.

Happenings in the Emerald Isle of Interest to Irishmen.

Waterford Corporation passed a resolution favoring a tax on bachelors over 35 years of age.

The workhouse at Longford was almost completely destroyed by fire recently. The damage is estimated at £10,000.

As a consequence of the retirement of Mr. William O'Brien from public life his newspaper, the Irish People, ceases publication.

A heavy debt having rested on the Lynn Memorial Church, Belfast, for several years past, efforts are being made to clear it off

Castlerea Guardians have decided toignore the Local Government Board's order regarding the dividing of Castlerea dispensary district.

Cork is to raise a loan of $80,000 for the erection of a new Technical school on the site presented by Mr. Sharman Crawford, at Fitton street.

James McGeown, Omagh, has just patented a sort of swimming apparatus which bids fair to be one of the most valuable inventions yet conceived.

James Maguire, a young man residing in the Glenfarne district of County Leitrim, disappeared mysteriously on the day intended of his wedding.

Emigration statistics for Ireland show that last year fewer people left the country than in any year since 1851, the total being 23,295, as against 39.082 for the year 1907.

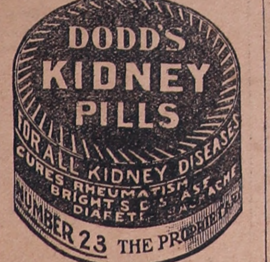
Dungannon's water inspector has reported to the rural council that the average weekly consumption of water in Dungannon (a town of about five thousand people), was 800,000 gallons.

The news of the death of Mr. George Raphael, Ballymena, came as a great shock to his wide circle of friends. Mr. Raphael was an elder in West Church, Ballymena, and superintendent of the Sabbath school.

The annual dinner in connection with Queen's College, Belfast, was rendered notable this year by reason of th fact that it was a celebration of the transformation of the Queen's University of Belfast.

Mr. R. H. Henderson arrived in Belfast on the 4th inst from South Africa on a visit to his friends at Armagh. Mr. Henderson was mayor of Kinmberley during the famous siege, and for the past four years has resided in Johannesburg.

The Board of Trinity College, Dublin, has elected Miss Constantia Elizabeth Maxwell to be an assistant to the Professor of Modren History. She is the first woman who has become a member of the teaching staff of the college since its foundation.



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A BABY AND A BULL.

Infuriated Animal Nearly Killed Little Tot.

A mad bull nearly succeeded in killing a baby in a mailcart and wrecked the gardens in twenty houses at Acocks Green, near Birmingham, England, recently.

The animal was being led to the slaughterhouse, when it broke loose and escaped into the garden of an adjoining house. Butchers and others gave chase, armed with guns, and a shot served to enrage the animal still further. It tore through fences, smashing garden frames and everything else in its way, and stopped to investigate a mail-cart standing outside one of the houses.

The baby's mother rushed out to save her child, but the bull charged at her, and she retired. The animal then rushed at the mail-cart and over-turned it, but fortunately the baby fell into the hood of the cart. After sniffing at the overturned cart, the bull left it but returned again and smashed it to pieces. Happily, the child was again unhurt.

The animal conitnued its mad course through the garden fences until it became wedged in the narrow entry of one of the houses, and was secured and killed.

BAD LEG FOR 60 YEARS.

Zam-Buk Works a Complete Cure.

Mrs. J. Minett, of 192, Thurbers Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, has been cured by Zam-Buk of a bad leg, which had defied all remedies for sixty long years. She says:—"When a child of eight, I was bitten on the leg by a dog. A doctor cauterised the place, but it never healed up soundly, and have suffered with an ulcerated leg for over sixty years. This occurred in England, and many English doctors tried in vain to heal the sore. At one time I was an in-patient at the East Suffolk Hospital for a long period, and for three years I was in and out of hospitals. I was continually in pain, and the sore would not heal, but continued to discharge. Twelve months ago I came out here to my daughter, and during the voyage I had to keep my bed. The ship's doctor examined my leg, and gave me a plaster, which I had to take off again, as it made the pain so intense. When I reached my daughter's house, she sent for a medical man, who said nothing could ever do it any good, and although I tried other American doctors, they did me no good. They said my leg would never be well.

"One day my youngest daughter brought home a box of Zam-Buk, and induced me to try it. With the first application I seemed to find ease, and further treatment with Zam-Buk did me so much good that I sent for a proper supply. I kept on with the Zam-Buk treatment, and soon saw that the wound was getting better. The discharge was reduced, and the pain was eased. I persevered with the Zam-Buk, and, to cut a long story short, it effected a cure. It is marvellous to think that, after suffering for sixty years, Zam-Buk has been able to make my leg perfectly sound."

Zam-Buk is a combination of power and purity. Purely herbal, it is superior to all known remedies for chronic sores and wounds, eczema, salt-rheum, ringworm, eruptions, varicose ulcers, cuts, burns, bruises, skin diseases. It also cures piles. All Druggists and Stores sell at 50c. a box, or post-free from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, for price. Three boxes for $1.25.

A THRILLING SPORT.

An exciting Mexican pastime is that of flooring bulls with the hand from horseback! The rider, galloping after the bull, seizes it by the tail and, passing his leg over the tail for the sake of leverage, pulls the poor beast round sideways until it trips and goes crashing to earth amidst a cloud of dust. Needless to say, the bull-thrower needs a strong hand and steady nerves, or he may find himself in trouble.

A Nagging Cough drives sleep and comfort away. You can conquer it with Allen's Lung Balsam, which relieves hard breathing, pain in the chest and irritation of the throat. Give it freely to the children.

AUSTRALIA'S CLIMATE.

Australia's huge northern territory has a tropical, almost an equatorial climate, and the heat is very enervating to Europeans. Its capital, Palmerston, contains more Chinese than Caucasians. The former are the ruling race and the employers; the whites are the servile and the employed. Large herds of buffaloes roam about the silent plains of this enormous territory, which would be a sportsman's paradise but for the wild natives, who are exceptionally fierce and treacherous and have killed a number of the hunters who came to hunt the buffaloes.

INDEED THEY ARE WONDERFUL

WHAT THOS. McDONALD SAYS OF DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

He Had Lame Back, Kidney Disease and Heart Fluttering's and One Box Cured Him.

Shubenacadie, Hants Co., N. S., —May 17. (Special).—"I suffered from Lame Back, Kidney Disease and Heart Flutterings, caused by cold and a strain, for three years. I was looking over some papers and saw Dodd's Kidney Pills advertised and I bought one box which completely cured me. Dodd's Kidney Pills are wonderful."

That is the simple straightforward statement of Mr. Thomas McDonald, a well-known resident of that place. It shows how quickly Dodd's Kidney Pills cure Kidney Disease when taken in its earliest stages. Lame Back is one of the first symptoms of sick Kidneys. Heart Fluttering is another symptom. It is caused by blood, from which the sick Kidneys have failed to strain the impurities, increasing the work of the heart. Dodd's Kidney Pills make the sick Kidneys well, the lame back disappears, the blood is purified, the heart is relieved and the flutterings stop.

If the case is of long standing, it may take longer to cure it, but Dodd's Kidney Pills never fail to do it.

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A Time for Everything.—The time for Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil is when croupy symptoms appear in the children; when rheumatic pains beset the old; when lumbago, asthma, coughs, colds, catarrh or earache attack either young or old; when burns, scalds, abrasions, contusions or sprains come to any member of the family. In any of these ailments it will give relief and work a cure.

Probably the simplest Court livery in the world is the Korean. The Emperor's servants are all dressed in garments and headgear of red calico.

Tearing Down Signals does not delay storms. Opium-laden "medciines" may check coughing, but the cold stays. Do not trifle; when you begin to cough take Allen's Lung Balsam, free from opium, full of healing power.

Not a single case of intoxication occurred last year among the 9,000 inhabitants of Whittlesey, Cambridgeshire.

Dysentery corrodes the intestines and speedily eats away the lining, bringing about dangerous conditions that may cause death. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial clears the intestinal canals of the germs that cause the inflammation, and by protecting the lining from further ravages restores them to healthy condition. Those subject to dysentery should not be without this simple yet powerful remedy.

Provision has been made in the Brazilian Budget for the publication of 1,000 copies of "Paradise Lost" translated into Portuguese.

SUFFERERS from rheumatism find instant relief in "The D & L" Menthol Plaster. Be sure and get the genuine. Made by Davis & Lawrence Co.

People who are afflicted with kleptomania always feel that they should take something for it.

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It is a Liver Pill.—Many of the ailments that man has to contend with have their origin in a disordered liver, which is a delicate organ, peculiarly susceptible to the disturbances that come from irregular habits or lack of care in eating and drinking. This accounts for the great many liver regulators now pressed on the attention of sufferers. Of these there is none superior to Parmelee's Vegetable Pills. Their operation though gentle is effective, and the most delicate can use them.

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A Woman's Sympathy

Are you discouraged? Is your doctor's bill a heavy financial load? Is your pain a heavy physical burden? I know what these mean to delicate women—I have been discouraged, too; but learned how to cure myself. I want to relieve your burdens. Why not end the pain and stop the doctor's bill? I can do this for you and will if you will assist me.

All you need do is to write for a free box of the remedy which has been placed in my hands to be given away. Perhaps this one box will cure you—it has done so for others. If so, I shall be happy and you will be cured for 2c (the cost of a postage stamp). Your letters held confidentially. Write to-day for my free treatment. MRS. F. E CURRAH, Windsor, Ont.

Peppermint is usually prepared from gin sweetened with sugar, and flavored with the essential oils of peppermint.

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Testimony From a High Authority as to the Value of Orange Meat.

IN an address to the Canadian Association of the Master Bakers at their Convention held in London, Ont., August 14th and 15th, 1906, Professor Harcourt, of the Guelph Agricultural College, said among other things as follows: Various types of breakfast foods may be roughly divided into the following classes: 1st, The uncooked, such as granulated oats, etc., which require long cooking to make them palatable and aid digestion; 2nd, Partially cooked, such as rolled and flaked grains. In this process the cell walls are ruptured by the crushing, consequently they require less time in their preparation for the table; 3rd, Cooked foods; 4th, Foods termed pre-digested, such as Orange Meat,etc.

A large number of foods have been analyzed and some of the results are incorporated in the following table. In nearly every case the figures are the average of a number of analyses:

	Calories per gram.
Orange Meat	3,968
White Bread	2,721
Entire Wheat Bread	2,486
Graham Bread	2,610

This shows the great advantage in favor of Orange Meat as a heat producer.

This company is giving away a cash prize of Seven Hundred Dollars. See post card in every package.

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1909.

Don't be a "Knocker"

From an editorial in the Markham Sun of last week we take the following extracts. There are other places besides Markham to which they are applicable:

"A considerable number of our citizens seem to make it their sole business in life to kick about everything in sight. They kick about the high taxes, the size of the debt, the incompetency of the town council and our school boards, the local improvements, the extortions of our merchants, and the lack of enterprise among business men. When they can find nothing else to kick about they find fault with the weather, or abuse their neighbors.

"Among the most pernicious of local knockers are those that have the T. Eaton and Robert Simpson mania. These people are not satisfied with spending every cent in Toronto, but they act as bargain-day missionaries representing our merchants to be a lot of unenterprising and unprincipled extortioners, whose stocks of shoddy are sold at famine prices. These people never spend a farthing in the local stores except to buy sugar or some article that is too heavy to carry from Toronto, and in which there is almost no profit for the home merchant. We would not object to this one-sided arrangement so much if the matter ended there. But these bargain-hunters canvass their neighbors and try to get them to do as they have been doing. They do not consider that the home merchant is paying out good money to keep up streets, sidewalks, electric light service, paying teachers' and ministers' salaries, and building churches and school buildings. We notice that those who do the most talking about the exactions of Markham's merchants are those who spend the least at their stores. Some of these knockers don't even know the prices charged here and have frequently paid more for inferior goods in Toronto, but they have had the ardent satisfaction of helping a stranger rather than their own immediate neighbor, and an outside town rather than the town in which they live."

The following extract from another paper on the same subject is worth quoting:

If there is any chance to boom business, boom it.

Don't pull a long face and look as though you had a sour stomach.

Hold up your head, smile and look for better things.

Hide your little hammer and try to speak well of others, no matter how small you know yourself to be.

When a stranger drops in jolly him.

Tell him this is the greatest town on earth—and so it is.

Don't discourage him by speaking ill of your neighbors.

Lead him to believe that he has at last found a place where white people live.

He has.

Don't knock.

Help yourself along by becoming popular, and push your friends with you.

It's dead easy.

Be a good fellow and soon you will have have a procession of followers.

No man ever helped himself by knocking other people down in character or business.

No man ever got rich by trying to make others believe that he was the only man in town who knew anything.

You can't climb the ladder of success by treading on other's corns.

Keep off the corns and don't knock.

Your'e not the only one.

There are others, and they have brains and know something as well as you.

There's no end of fun minding your own business. It makes other people like you.

Nobody gets stuck on a knocker.

Don't be one.

One Day in Seven

Just what Sunday is to the laborer considered solely from the economic point of view is illustrated by some scientific data recently prepared by a noted official of a great railroad.

He selected two groups of laborers from the working force of a certain freight-house controlled by his road, and measured the working capacity of each group in terms of tons handled daily for a week. Sunday one group rested; the other worked as usual.

The following Monday the men who had been continuously at service showed a decrease of ten per cent in efficiency as compared with the previous Monday, and each day after their comparative delinquency became greater. The men who had their Sunday respite, on the other hand, were as valuable to the company the second week as the first.

The result has interest for employers and employees alike. It shows, for one thing, that not only is the command to rest one day in seven written in the commandments of God, but it is also inscribed in every muscle and trembling fibre of man's being—East and West.

'Phones in Stations

An important general order was made by the Railway Commission last week giving independent telephone companies rights to all railway stations. It was ruled that in spite of any agreement for the exclusive use of a railway station between the Bell Telephone Company and a railway, any independent telephone company shall have the right to have an instrument placed in any railway station. The order was given in the Sherbrooke case and has now been made general.

Seeding in the west is said to be progressing rapidly.

The steamer Shores is reported lost on Lake Superior, with twenty-one passengers on board.

Gold Medal Awarded in Elocution

Miss Hazel Caverley the Successful Contestant

Monday evening saw the close of the series of elocutionary contests which have been in progress during the past winter among the young people of St. Andrew's church. These contests have created great interest and have been well attended and enjoyed by all. The contests for silver medals closed on April 12th, and on Monday evening the six silver medalists competed for the coveted gold medal. This contest was held in the Opera House, and had a fair attendance, the unfavorable weather no doubt preventing many from attending.

Mr. L. Meiklejohn was chairman, and with a few opening remarks called upon the first contestant, Miss K. E. Minchin. Her well-rendered selection, "A Terrible Charge," was the reply of a man condemned to die for the murder of his wife, to the judge's question, "Prisoner at the bar, have you anything to say?" The crime had been committed while in an intoxicated condition, and the prisoner charged the judge, jurors, lawyers, and even the pastor of his church, with being equally guilty with him. The jurors and lawyers had signed the petition asking for the license, which the judge had granted, thus placing temptation in his path, and the pastor had given him the cup of wine in the communion service which aroused the fierce appetite within him, and this, beyond his control, ended in the drunken condition which made him a murderer. These men, he said, would have to answer before the judgement bar of God for their part in the crime. This selection brought home the question "Am I my brother's keeper?"

"The Bridal Cup," given by Miss Blanche Montgomery, portrayed a bridal scene, where the bride, yielding to the wishes of her friends to "pledge with wine," sees in the glass as it is raised to her lips, the scene of her brother's death, through drink, in a distant land among strangers. Her description of the scene fills the guests with horror, and the wine is left untasted. The dashing of the wine glass to the floor added to the effectiveness of this number.

Miss Robena Maynard, as the third contestant, told the story of an aged drunkard kicked out on the street finding in the young man who befriends him, and to whom he has given a word of warning against the curse of drink, the son who had been lost to him for many years. The old man's story of a home wrecked and wife and daughter dead through the use of intoxicants by the husband and father, was so well given as to be thought by some worthy of second place in the contest.

Miss Hazel Caverley's selection, "The Factory Chimney," was one well suited to the soft voice of the speaker. A workman had been left by accident at the top of the tall factory chimney while his companions descended and the rope, which was the only means of descent, had been brought down. His rescue from the perilous position through the thoughtfulness of his wife when all other plans and suggestions were of no avail, made a number of unusual interest, and the excellent rendering of this selection caused a general concurrence with the judges' decision when it was announced that Miss Hazel was the successful one in the competition.

"How he Signed the Pledge," by Miss Daisy B. Roy, was the next number in the contest, and in this was given the story of the temptation of a young husband to indulge in his former habit of drinking, but who, horror-stricken at the false report that his wife had become a victim of drink, was led to sign, and thereafter keep, the pledge of total abstinence.

The last contestant, Miss Daisy E. Roy, gave "The Convict's Soliloquy," a vivid relation of the memories of his mother and of his childhood's innocence brought to the convict as the hour of his execution drew near, and told how, tempted beyond endurance, he had yielded to that which made him the murderer of his brother. His bitterness of mind and heart against those whom he rightly held responsible for the deed were well pictured by the speaker.

That these contests have been and will continue to be of benefit to those taking part in them was evident. The training necessary for such competitions has developed considerable talent which was formerly hidden. The judges were Rev. H. L. Phelps, E. T. Williams and W. R. Howson. Mr. W. R. Mather presented the medal and gave some wholesome advice to all the competitors, urging them to greater achievements in all that would develop life and character.

Of equally pleasing interest with the numbers of the elocutionary competition were the vocal contributions of Miss Jean Robson of Norwood, a soloist new to Stirling audiences. Miss Robson is the possessor of a remarkably clear, sweet and strong voice, which quickly won the approval of all present. After her first number she was greeted with applause on every appearance and was heartily encored. Miss Robson will be welcomed on future occasions by Stirling people. Two mouth-organ selections with violin and piano accompaniment, a solo by Mr. D. C. Betts, and an instrumental duet by Misses Annie Sprague and Marjorie Meiklejohn completed the program. Mrs. W. R. Mather was the pianist for the evening.

The following horticultural societies sent in petitions to the Ontario government asking for legislation dealing with bill-boards: Elora, Springfield, Woodstock, Cobourg, Port Hope, Durham, Walkerville, Brantford, Port Dover, Oakville, Napanee, Clinton, Grimsby, Barrie, Brampton, Galt, Goderich, Smith's Falls, Belleville and Windsor.

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Children's Aid Society

16th Annual Report of J. J. Kelso, Supt. Neglected Children of Ontario

From the above report which has been recently issued, we quote the following:

CHILDREN AND THE STREETS

Parents cannot too often be reminded of the great evil resulting from allowing children the freedom of the streets after dark. The habit should never be allowed to grow on young people for it is a habit that is acquired early and is hard to break up later on. Highly respectable mothers are at fault in this particular and not until it is too late do they realize their mistake. How often we have had to listen to sad stories of youthful wrong-doing, and while listening have realized that parental carelessness was largely the cause of it all! Home should be made a pleasant place for the children and they should be taught by the stern rule of parental authority that street corner loitering after dark will not be tolerated. Five cases of child assault in one month were reported by a Children's Aid Society. Writing of these the agent said: "The reason in most cases is that mothers do not keep the confidence of their children, and also because many mothers do not once teach or warn them of the moral dangers to which they are subject. Then, again, children are allowed to roam the streets without the least restraint or guardianship."

A PROCESS OF EVOLUTION

Small children neglected grow into law breakers by the simplest rule of evolution. Then by a legal procedure that is beyond their comprehension, these young offenders are easily confirmed in wrong-doing, and become the habitual criminals that war against Society for the rest of their natural life. Should there not be at least the same complete organization for saving the neglected child that now exists for the arrest and imprisonment of the finished product?

THE CHILD WITH TWO MOTHERS

Frequently the emergency arises of having to decide which of two mothers should have the guardianship of a child who, by its winning ways, has become indispensible to the happiness of a lonely, childless woman. The trouble begins in this way: A poor family, in which there is usually a surplus of small children, settles in a neighborhood. The man is out of work and the woman in despair. A kind-hearted lady comes along to relieve their distress, and promptly takes a fancy to a bright-eyed, smiling little tot of three or four years. The mother agrees to let the child go on a visit, perhaps says she will give it up altogether, but no papers are signed and the arrangement drifts on indefinitely for a year or two, and then comes a row. The mother wants to see her little girl every week or two; the foster mother objects, and wishes in her heart that the whole family were in another world, and then one or the other of the parties find their way to the Society to have the difficulty adjusted. The natural mother is usually loud, angry and insistent on her rights; the foster mother timid, shrinking and tearful, pleading her deep affection for the child, the wretchedness of her life until this little one came to gladden her home, and her terror and horror at the thought of parting. Quite a number of such cases have come before me for adjudication, and while occasionally the weight of evidence favors the mother, one's sympathies usually go out to the foster mother, who, entering upon the bargain half reluctantly, had gradually allowed every feeling of her nature to become absorbed in the child, separation from whom would mean almost a death blow. From time immemorial a beautiful sentiment has naturally lead to the idealization of the parental tie, and yet between foster mother and child there often grows up an affection even more intense and equally unselfish. Few of these complications can be settled on a basis of law, but must be decided according to the general conditions found to exist, and the degree of affection shown by the parties concerned.

For information about children write the local agent, or J. J. Kelso, Toronto.

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J. A. GREEN

Notice to Creditors

In the Matter of the Estate of George Wright, late of the Township of Rawdon, in the County of Hastings, Farmer, deceased.

Notice is hereby given in pursuance of the Revised Statutes of Ontario that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the late George Wright, who died on or about the 12th day of March, A.D. 1909, are required on or before the 19th day of May, A.D. 1909, to send by post prepaid or to deliver to G. G. Thrasher, solicitor for the Union Trust Company, Limited, the administrators of the above estate at the village of Stirling in the county of Hastings, their Christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions and full particulars of their claims and the nature of their securities, if any, held by them, verified by affidavit.

And further notice is given that after such last mentioned date the administrators will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only for the claims of which they shall have notice, and that the Administrators will not be liable for such assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received.

And notice is further given that any persons indebted to the said deceased must pay the amount of their indebtedness to G. G. Thrasher, forthwith, at Stirling, Solicitor as hereunder for the Union Trust Company, Limited.

Dated at Stirling this 22nd day of April, A. D. 1909.

G. G. THRASHER,
Solicitor for Administrators,
Union Trust Co., Ltd.

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Notice is hereby given in pursurance of the Revised Statutes of Ontario that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the late Anna Elizabeth Caverley, who died on or about the 4th day of April, A.D. 1909, are required on or before the 20th day of May, A. D. 1909, to send by post, prepaid, or to deliver to E. T. Caverley, the Executor of the last will and testament of Anna Elizabeth Caverley, at the village of Stirling, in the county of Hastings, Stirling post office, or his Solicitor as hereunder, at Stirling post office, their Christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions and full particulars of their claims, statement of their accounts and the nature of their securities, if any, held by them verified by affidavit.

And further notice is given that after such last mentioned date the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only for the claims of which he shall have notice, and that the Executor will not be liable for such assets, or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received.

And notice is further given that all persons indebted to the said deceased must pay the amount of their indebtedness to the said Executor or his Solicitor hereunder, forthwith; and also that the real estate of the said deceased will be sold by public auction, of which time notice will be given and the terms specified.

Dated at Stirling this 15th day of April, A. D. 1909.

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An Inhuman Husband

Our Bird's Creek correspondent sends us the following item:

"The population of Brantwood has increased very rapidly of late. Mrs. Paddy Cox presented her husband with a fine pair of babies—a boy and a girl—last week. Congratulations Paddy. Paddy has been rejoicing since the happy arrival."

Our correspondent may not be aware of the facts in connection with this interesting event, but if he is he lets Mr. Cox down pretty easy. When these babes were born the mother was alone in the house with two children, two and four years of age respectively, and the father was at Bird's Creek drunk, having left home shortly before noon. He went to a neighbor's and had his dinner, knowing that there was not a morsel to eat in his own house. The mother sent the oldest child for assistance, but the little fellow got lost and wandered around the fields for nearly three hours before he was noticed by a neighbor, who made inquiries and found out what the trouble was. No time was lost in making the poor mother as comfortable as possible, and the inhuman father returned home about three o'clock in the morning. The proper treatment for him about that time would have been a vigorous application of a horse whip, accompanied by a ducking in the nearest pond.—Bancroft Times.

As before noted, a World's Fair is to be held at Winnipeg in 1912, and campaign work in connection with it has already commenced. A large number of Winnipeg business men will wait on the Dominion Government to ask assistance for the work. The name selected for the big fair is "The Canadian Exposition and Selkirk Centennial."

Letter of Condolence

TO MRS. JAS. COONEY, Stirling.

We, the officers and members of L. O. L. 110, Stirling, wish to convey to you our heart-felt sympathy in the very sad bereavement which you have recently undergone in the death of your loving husband. At such a time words are ineffective in expressing the true feeling, but we assure you that each and every member of the Lodge has grieved with you in your sorrow. Bound as we are in Christian brotherhood, your sorrow is our sorrow, but our prayer is that God, who saw fit to call your dear husband to his eternal home, may give you grace sufficient to overcome your sorrow and to say "Thy will be done." We cannot always see the purpose of the affliction, but God knows what is best for us, and we humbly bow to His will. We therefore point you in your sad sorrow to the great Comforter above, who doeth all things well, and we look forward to the bright and happy day when we shall meet to part no more.

He stands before the great white throne
And sings his song of love;
At Jesus' feet he casts his crown,
And praises Him above.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge,

G. W. ANDERSON, W. M.
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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.
Trains call at Stirling station as follows:—

GOING WEST.	GOING EAST.
Mail & Ex...6.03 a. m.	Passenger..10.27 a. m
Passenger...6.45 p. m.	Mail & Ex. 3.41 p. m

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1909.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Mr. John Rodgers intends leaving on Monday next to visit his son at Eyebrow, Sask.

The Marmora assessor's roll gives that village a population of about 900. The assessment is $2,000 higher than last year.

A new paper called the Mercury has been started in Madoc by B. J. McKercacher. It is a small sheet, 8 pages, about 10 x 12.

At the Stirling Cheese Board on Tuesday there were 375 boxes of cheese offered. All were sold to Mr. J. A. Kerr of Belleville at 12 cents.

Friday last was Arbor Day for the schools, but as the weather was unfavorable the observance of it was postponed until yesterday.

Mr. Fred Drewry, who has completed his third year at Queen's University as an electrical engineer, has secured a position with the Allis-Chalmers-Bullock Company, Montreal, manufacturers of electrical machinery.

The Council has done wisely in securing the old foundry property for a fire hall. It is well situated for this purpose, and is as centrally located as it is possible to get, and we understand was secured at a moderate figure.

Mr. Geo. E. Simmons, formerly a student of Stirling High School, has carried off the highest awards and prizes in the recent Theology examinations in Trinity College, Toronto. His many friends here will be pleased to learn of his success.

A number of regiments which have usually gone to camp at Kingston will this year go into camp at their respective headquarters. It is announced that the 40th will go into camp at Cobourg, the 46th at Port Hope, and the 45th at Lindsay.

The wet weather has prevented seeding operations and very little has been done thus far. The land was just getting in fair condition for working previous to the heavy rainfall of Monday last, but this put an end to all operations for several days. The spring seeding cannot help but be unusually late even if the weather now is favorable.

The Directors of the Stirling Agricultural Society met on Tuesday night to make preparations for the exhibition to be held here in September, and to revise the prize list. Some changes were made in the rules, and one thing that must be borne in mind by all exhibitors is that all regulations as laid down in the prize list will henceforth be carried out to the letter. It is expected that the fair this year will surpass any previously held.

Court Graham, No. 1266, I. O. F.

All members of this Court are requested to be present at the next regular meeting on Friday evening, May 21st, at 8 o'clock, in their lodge room (over Anderson's store) as business of special interest to members is to be transacted.

JOHN T. SCOTT, R.S.

Committee Meeting

On Friday evening reports of the several committees in charge of the Victoria Day celebration were given and all stated that favorable progress had been made in each line. It has been decided that as the 24th is a public holiday all the stores are to be closed on that day. Owing to the absence of a lighting system in the village the suggestion has been made that all the stores light their front windows on that evening.

An Early Morning Blaze

Between five and six o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the kitchen of the residence of Mrs. H. S. Ferguson, at the east end of the village. An alarm was given and the fire brigade was soon on the spot and quickly extinguished the flames, though not before the kitchen was pretty well gutted and the main part of the house considerably damaged by smoke and water. Mrs. W. W. Hagerman had a quantity of household goods stored over the kitchen, which were all destroyed, and we learn were not insured. Mrs. Ferguson's household effects were somewhat damaged. Her loss is covered by insurance.

Base Ball

A meeting was held last evening for the purpose of organizing a Base Ball team in Stirling. A good representation of the boys were present and showed their willingness to "play ball." The following officers were elected:

President—R. P. Coulter.
Vice-Pres.—C. J. Boldrick.
Captain—D. C. Betts.
Manager—E. MacIvor.
Sec.-Treas.—H. Hadley.
Executive Com.—Messrs. Denike, Whitty, Mitchell and Goldsmith.

It is intended to practice for a match on the 24th of May.

24th May Celebration

Preparations for the 24th of May celebration are now almost complete. The decorations are to be on a most elaborate scale and are extended over almost the whole town. The work is to be done by J. J. Turner & Sons of Peterboro, and anyone who saw the streets on July 12th, 1907, cannot but feel sure that the sight here on Victoria Day will be worth seeing. The Calithumpian procession will also be a special feature, as the keenest interest is being taken in it by all, old and young, men and women, boys and girls. Each of the merchants is helping make this parade a success by dressing someone to represent and advertise his business, and some excellent ideas in modern advertising are being prepared. Foxboro and Frankford brass bands have both been engaged, the firemen are having special practices, the games for the afternoon as shown on the bill have all been arranged, splendid horse races are expected, and Robert Wilson, one of Canada's most humorous singers and brightest entertainers has been engaged for the concert in the evening.

The Work in the West

From "The King's Business," a little sheet published at Fernie, B. C., in the interests of the evangelistic work being done in that district, we take the following, which will be of interest to our citizens:

Those who think Coal Creek a difficult place in which to get up any enthusiasm would have been greatly enlightened could they have seen the gathering which filled the Methodist church to overflowing on Monday night (April 26th). Bountifully laden tables were surrounded, the places of honor being given to Revs. W. G. Brown and F. A. Robinson.

It was the tribute of the camp to the labors of these two evangelists who have been toiling for the highest interest of Coal Creek during the past three weeks. All spoke most appreciatively of the whole-souled men and the unselfish work of the two guests of the evening. Great blessing had come to many through the meetings held. All local expenses were readily met by the offerings, but not one cent went to the men who have labored for the cause of Christ.

The congregations of Red Deer, Alta., and Stirling, Ont., respectively have freely loaned the men mentioned for a short time to the Kootenay campaign.

Closing addresses were given by Mr. Brown and Mr. Robinson, and there were some tearful voices as the audience united in "God be with you till we meet again." Mr. Robinson goes to Cascade and then to Eholt.

Both of these men speak very highly of many Coal Creek friends and will not soon forget the loyalty and kindness of a number in the little coal town up the gulch.

Obituary

PETER MCC. DINGWALL

On Saturday afternoon last another resident of Stirling passed away, in the person of Peter McC. Dingwall, a young man of some 26 years. He had been in poor health for some time, but no serious results were anticipated, and the news of his death came as a shock to many, as he had been confined to the house but a few days.

The deceased was born in Scotland. With his brother he came to this country when but three years of age, and until his coming to the village to reside a short time ago, had been a resident of River Valley. Of good moral character and possessing a cheerful and kindly disposition, he made many friends and acquaintances, who regret his untimely death.

Mr. Dingwall was married about two and a half years ago to the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hanna of River Valley, who, with an infant daughter survives him. He also leaves his mother and a brother, residing at North Bay. To these the sympathy of the community is extended in their bereavement.

The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, service being held in the Methodist church, conducted by the pastor. The bearers were from the recently organized camp of the Woodmen of the World, of which the deceased was a member. Interment was made in Stirling cemetery.

HARRY L. BOLDRICK

This morning at an early hour the death took place of Harry L. Boldrick, after a very brief illness. He was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Boldrick, from whose residence the funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon. Service will be held in St. John's Church.

A shocking accident occurred at an early hour Saturday at the home of George Farrell, a prominent farmer residing in Sophiasburg, about ten miles from Picton, when his wife was burned to death. It seems that the unfortunate woman was asleep when a lamp by her bedside exploded, and soon the bed was a sheet of flames.

Belleville Ontario: "We are pleased to hear of the success of Mr. Clifford Caverley of Foxboro, in the examinations at Queen's University. Not only did he obtain his M. A. degree, but also won the Gold Medal. Last year he won the Gowan Foundation Scholarship, besides winning a gold pin debating against Toronto University. He is to be congratulated on his brilliant success."

The Railway Commission has ordered that stations and passenger cars be regularly cleaned out and kept in sanitary condition.

April Weather

The report for the month of April issued from the Meteorological Office, Toronto, shows that Canada, with the exception of Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton suffered from colder weather than is usually encountered in the month of showers. In Ontario and Quebec the temperature averaged between seven and eight degrees below the normal, while in the western Provinces 9 to 13 degrees lower than one would expect was registered. The rainfalls during the month were rather heavy in some districts, and Calgary took the lead with 100 percent above the average. In the eastern portion of Quebec and in parts of Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton the reverse was experienced, for the precipitation fell short of the average.

The organization of a corps of scheol cadet instructors is authorized by the Department of Militia.

A Winnipeg implement firm has orders for 600 steam plows to be delivered to farmers in the near future. It is estimated that these will break at least 1,500 acres each this year, making a total of 900,000 acres in the west to be broken by the steam plows sold by this one concern. Practically the whole number will be used for breaking wild land. They have been purchased largely by new settlers.

Births

SHARPE—In Huntingdon on Thursday, May 6th, to Mr. and Mrs. Lucas M. Sharpe, a son.

Died

GOULD—In Stirling, on May 6th, Winnifred A. Gould, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gould, aged 4 months and 17 days.

DINGWALL—In Stirling, on May 8th, Peter McC. Dingwall, aged 26 years, 7 months and 28 days.

BOLDRICK—In Stirling on Thursday morning, May 13th, Harry Lawson Boldrick, aged 23 years.

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Court of Revision

VILLAGE OF STIRLING

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Friday, May 28th,

at the hour of 8 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of hearing and determining all complaints against the assessment for the current year.

All parties concerned will please take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

G. G. THRASHER, Clerk.
Stirling, May 12th, 1909.

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MOTTO FOR THE PEOPLE

"Fear Not; For They That Be With Us Are More Than They That Be With Them."

Text: "And Elisha prayed, and sair: Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw; and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire." II Kings, VI, 17.

We will not stop to contemplate the remainder of the narrative, how the same Hand that led the heavenly reinforcement smote the Syrian host with blindness, how Elisha led them into Samaria, and dispersed them, giving them rations, and bidding them go to their homes in peace.

It is about blind eyes and how God opens them that I wish you to think to-day.

The natural eye sees a poor youth asleep in the desert with a rock for his pillow, but the anointed eye of Jacob sees a ladder reaching to Heaven's gate, with angels ascending and descending between him and the Great Throne of God.

The natural eye sees only a poor Hebrew among fierce lions about to tear him limb from limb, but the God-protected Daniel sees the angel of the Lord walking through the den closing the mouths of the beasts and bringing God's hero out of the ordeal in triumph.

The natural eye sees two lonely women on their way to a tomb at break of day, murmering "who shall roll us away the stone?" but the eye of faith sees a mighty angel overturning the obstacle and opening the sepulchre for the rising of

THE LORD OF GLORY.

The natural eye sees men raging, like demons about the prostrate form of a poor evangelist, but the Christ-touched eye of Stephen sees "Heaven opened, and the Son of God standing at the right hand of God."

The natural eye sees a poor apostle bound with chains, sleeping between two sentinels, doors locked and bolted, and four quaterians of soldiers without, but the anointed eye sees the angel of the Lord opening the doors, removing the chackles, leading the captive through the corridors, out through the opening gates to freedom.

The natural eye sees a flash, the physical ear hears a voice but Saul of Tarsus looks up to gaze upon the Cross of Calvary, and sees the suffering Jesus upon it, crying "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

The natural eye sees an aged disciple upon a lonely isle, banished, dying, but John's anointed eye looks through Glory's open door and sees the things that must shortly come to pass.

The natural eye sees history as the accidental clash of the strife of men through the ages, but the eye of faith sees God, "within the shadows, keeping watch above His own."

The natural eye sees a body with the last breath leaving it, a bit of clay, waiting to be returned to mother earth, but the divine-touched eye sees a released soul sweeping through the gates, washed in the blood of the Lamb.

THE NATURAL EYE

sees a planet in a mist of sin, going on in giddy aimlessness, but the anointed eye sees a Christ, taking the earth in His arms and carrying it back to the Great Father to join a thousand and other worlds, "forever singing as they shine, 'The Hand that made us is divine.'"

Open eyes in what we need. Faith is having open eyes. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen." They are not seen by the eye of the body; they are seen by the eye of the soul.

When a young man's eyes are open to the great fact of God, he sees all essential spiritual truth. "Oh, it is so hard to believe," said a youth. But it is far harder not to believe. "In the beginning, God," is the most rational declaration we can make. Designs come from minds; the earth is a great design; therefore the earth is the produce of mind.

Your eyes should be open to the good in yourself. We have been preaching total depravity too long. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." If we tell men that there is nothing good in them, they have a ready apology for their sin. The seed of the divine is in us. There is the germ of goodness in us. All we need is to have the Sun of Righteousness to shine on us.

THE S. S. LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, MAY 16.

Lesson VII. Paul's First Missionary Journey. Golden Text, Psalm 96: 5.

Introduction. — The greater the work a man endeavors to do, the greater the obstacles that he will meet, and the more numerous they will be. It is a principle of physics that resistance increases as the square of the velocity. Paul's work, like that of all true Christians, was very great, and therefore it encountered formidable obstacles. But these hindrances were overcome, in Christ's strength; and the process of overcoming them strengthened Paul, as it will strengthen us.

I. The Obstacle of Disobedience.—Vs. 1-7. Whither did the missionaries flee when driven from Antioch? To Iconium, about seventy-five miles southeast. For most of the way they traveled along the great Roman road connecting Antioch with Lystra, turning from it to the left before reaching Lystra. Iconium was an important commercial city, situated among luxuriant orchards. The Seljuk Turks made it the capital of their empire. The modern town, still called Konia, is greatly shrunken. It is the terminus of a railway to the Bosphorus.

II. The Obstacle of Temptation to Pride.—Vs. 8-18. To what new surroundings did Paul and Barnabas go? To a region of Lycaonia, region being a technical term, a part of the country "consisting of two cities and a stretch of cityless territory (i.e., territory organized on the native pre-Greek village system)." Lystra was the capital of Lycaonia, Wolf-land, the name being supposed to be derived from Lycaon, who was transformed into a wolf—a name well befitting the inhabitants. The missionaries went theither "as sheep in the midst of wolves" (Matt. 10: 16). It was a wild region, cut off by the Taurus from the more cultivated Cilicia and Pisidia. It was a dreary plain, destitute of trees and fresh water, with only salt lakes.

III. The Obstacles of Hatred and Persecution. — Vs. 19-28. What shows the intensity of the opposition Paul had aroused in Antioch? That his enemies had followed him up, though it was more than one hundred miles by road. "Woe unto you," said Christ, "when all men speak well of you!" "One must be somebody in order to have an enemy. One must be a force before he can be resisted by another force."

How did Paul's enemies succeed? They persuaded the people. Perhaps, as the stoning of Stephen must have moved Paul toward Christianity, the stoning of Paul was the turning point in the life of Timothy. The young man may have been among the disciples who stood round about him, to give what aid they could, and care for his body if he were really dead.

What had been gained by this first missionary journey? 1. The great enterprise of foreign missions was started. 2. The missionary leaders had received their first experience, had learned much, and had furnished a glorious example to others. 3. The borders of the church had been greatly enlarged, being extended to Cyprus and Galatia. 4. The borders of Christian fellowship had been enlarged to a still greater degree by the free admission of the Gentiles. 5. This outreach of activity and thought broadened the horizon of the home church, and greatly stimulated its energies and depened its piety. Max Muller says that only missionary religions are living religions; all others are dying. 6. All these gains had come not without difficulty, but through consecration, self-sacrifice, courage, and confident trust. There were obstacles at every step of the way, as there will be in every Christian's path. But we can overcome them as well as the first missionaries, for we have the same omnipotent Leader and Friend.

BOY BURNED DOWN STUMPS.

Iowa Farmer Had to Pay More Than He Expected.

An Iowa farmer had a hundred or more stumps he wanted to get rid of, and as he had no time to dig them out himself he offered a neighbor's boy 50 cents each to clear them away. He figured that the lad might grub out two a week, but he wasn't up to date. The boy took an augur and bored a deep hole in the top of every stump and then poured in kerosene. Each stumped soaked up about a gallon, and at the end of a week was thoroughly permeated with oil. When set on fire they burned like tinder, and in the course of a fortnight every stump was simply a pile of ashes. A month had done the whole business. Seeing how easy the job had been the farmer refused to pay, but a lawsuit brought it and also made him a wiser man

PLEA FOR CANADIAN NAVY

UNDER DIRECTION OF THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY.

D. D. Mann, Esq., Vice-President Canadian Northern R. R., in National Magazine.

Those who anticipate a Canadian navy as pre-eminently an engine of Canadian patriotism may have a different point of view from many of those who, in the Imperial city, all the time think of the Empire first and its component parts secondarily. There is no necessary incompatability between the two points of view. The problem of Imperial statesmanship is to converge diversities of approach into confederated action. I wish to indicate the lines upon which, it seems to me, the creation of a Canadian navy might contribute to this end.

In the United States one occasionally finds persons who believe that Canada pays money tribute to King Edward; and it is always an amusing experience to undeceive them. There is a certain amount of belief in Canada, that the Englishman regards this Dominion rather as a subordinate than as a partner in the Empire. What is sometimes alleged to be the unpopularity of the Englishman in Canada most likely arises from the fact that the education in Imperialism of some Englishmen amongst us has not proceeded as far as, knowing the views of the leaders of opinion in England, we have taught ourselves to expect.

We are sometimes said to be provincial. There is truth in the criticism. We sometimes think that the Londoner is the most provincial of all men, because he has the least appreciation of the great place which communities outside London occupy in Britain itself and in

THE EMPIRE GENERALLY.

It is easier for the Englishman to think of the Empire as a whole than it is for the native-born Canadian. The place of England in the world was achieved long ago. England is also the centre of the Empire. If anything could destroy provincialism of mind in a man it should be his residence in the capital of such a country. Sometimes we wonder that the great advantages of such a position do not lead to more Imperial thinking. We imagine also that if the average Englishman could realize a little more than he seems to have done, when he first comes to Canada, that the Empire has become what it is because those who preceded him conquered wild parts of the earth, far removed from the British Islands; and that what has been done in the Britains beyond the seas within living memory is of a part with the achievements of men and women whose remoteness from to-day gave them a heroic aspect, the modern Empire would be even greater in his eyes than it is.

Canada is a new country. Such prestige as she has in the Empire and in the world is almost entirely of modern making; and even though our views on Imperial questions may not be quite as broad and disinterested as those of statesmen who have grown up in the most fortunate school in the world, we know, because we live here, that we are engaged in a constructive work for the Empire, which, by comparison, is not second to that which is being accomplished by those who do their capital.

If we did not approach Imperial questions from the standpoint of "Canada First," we should be very inferior Imperialists. Under any circumstances, our geographical and climatic distinction plus our nearness to an extraordinary republic of eighty millions of people, would determine our development on somewhat different lines from those which mark the progress of the Old and.

THE BEST CHILDREN.

are not always the most exact reproductions of their parents, even in early youth. And, when they marry and are given in marriage, they are bound to be affected by new surroundings and ideas. A young nation, like a young man, should be something more than a chip off the old block.

In Canada there is a remarkable inter-marrying of people and of ideas, which is a revelation to many older fashioned Canadians; and is doubly a revelation to those who come to us with the ideas and sometimes with the prejudices of the British Islands The immigration returns of this century show that in Canada, and chiefly in Western Canada, there is a new population as varied in speech and racial characteristics as was and can be found in the most cosmopolitan city of the Old World. The Bible Society publishes the Scriptures in eighty different languages for use in the Dominion.

The immigrants from Continental Europe, when they know anything about England, know of it as a foreign country, and many of them have no friendly ideas about their new connection with it. During the last ten years nearly half a million Americans have come to Canada, with something of the prejudice against British institutions that comes from the public reading on every Fourth of July of the Declaration of Independence, with its interminable criticism of George the Third. Then, there are two million French-Canadians, to whom English is a foreign language, and who, though they are more than loyal to the form of government that has achieved so much success in Canada, are not dominated by British ideas in the same way that the natve-born Britisher is. In the descendants of the United Empire Loyalists, the devotion to British ideals of justice and methods of government has not produced that quality in the relation to the Mother Country which makes the Australian and South African of the second and third generation speak and write of

ENGLAND AS "HOME."

Now, Canada presents herself to the incoming American and Galician—to take two extreme types—in an exceedingly favorable light. Each comes to better his material condition; and unless he is incompetent, or worse, he succeeds. Financial prosperity will go a long way to reconcile a man to the institutions of an alien country. But the Galician and the American find something more than better financial prospects. The Galician becomes a new man. The bugbear of military service does not rise up behind him, or before his children. He is in a world of unexpected independence. He knows nothing about the Empire, and he cares less. But he does learn something about Canada, and contentment with, and devotion to ,the land of his adoption are as much as can reasonably be expected from him for some time. A British imperial instinct cannot be created in him in a moment.

The American is very different from the Galician. He thinks he has observed England through the assertions of the Declaration of Independence, and through the cononets achieved by various heiresses whom he knows by repute. He was brought up in the tradition that Canada never did and never could amount to much; and, when he became convinced that the country had fertile lands, good markets and excellent dividends to offer for his enterprise, he moved in, still thinking of the United States as the first, second and third country of all the world.

But in Western Canada he finds himself in an atmosphere more agreeable than he expected. If he has any acquaintance with new settlements in the Western and Northwestern States he is delighted to find that law and order, in the shape of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, preceded the settler. In new towns he finds churches more numerous than saloons. On the illimitable prairie, where he finds that in any township thirty-six square miles in extent, ten children reside, the parents can successfully demand a school, for the maintenance of which one-eighteenth of all the land was set aside when the country was first surveyed.

(To be continued).

ALEXANDRA'S BOUDOIR.

The Queen's boudoir at Sandringham is said to be the favorite room of Alexandra, and she passes a great deal of time there with her friend and confidante, Charlotte Knollys. The room is in apple green and white with some priceless bric-a-brac, and the furniture is of the Marie Antoinette style. Queen Alexandra likes to retire to this room in the afternon and rarely takes the 5 o'clock tea with the ladies of her house party, Princess Victoria or Queen Maud of Norway acting for her.

WHAT TO GIVE.

The different wedding anniversaries and gifts appropriate are: First year, cotton; second, paper; third, leather; fifth, wooden; seventh, woollen; tenth, tin; twelfth, silk and fine linen; fifteenth, crystal; twentieth, china; twenty-fifth, silver; thirtieth, pearl; fortieth, ruby; fiftieth, golden; seventy-fifth, diamond; eighty-fifth, radium.

LOGICAL REASON.

Jinks—"Have you selected a trade or profession for your boy?"

Winks—"I shall make a plumber of him."

Jinks—"Has he a bent that way?"

Winks—"He's born for it. Tell him to do a thing immediately, and he won't think of it again for a week."

HIS OWN TEETH.

"Well, did he pay you?" asked the wife of a dentist who had been to collect a bill for a full set of false teeth that he had made for a man almost a year before.

"Pay me!" growled the dentist. "Not only did he refuse to pay me, but he actually had the effrontery to gnash at me—with my teeth!"

If you would find a man by throwing dust in his eyes use gold dust.

The Home

SPRING VEGETABLES.

Fried Eggplant.—One medium size eggplant. Pare and slice, then boil till tender, wash good, then add two eggs, salt, and pepper to taste, and crack crumbs enough to make a batter of mixture, and drop spoonfuls in deep fat and fry till nice brown and serve hot.

Grandmother's Dandelions.—Take about three pounds choice salt pork, wash, put in kettle, and cover with boiling water. When almost cooked add a peck tender dandelions that have been thoroughly washed in several waters. Cook about three-fourths of an hour.

Creamed String Beans—Melt a lump of butter, size of an egg, in a large saucer pan. Add two quarts of string beans, after they have been washed and thoroughly dried. Stir to prevent burning, cooking ten minutes. Then cover well with boiling water and cook until tender, adding small teaspoonful of salt a few minutes before the water is boiled down, aiming to have but little to pour off. Dress with cup of cream or rich milk.

Baked Spinach.—Pick over carefully and wash free from sand one peck of spinach. Cook in a granite kettle until done, which will be about twenty minutes if it is tender. Pour into a strainer to drain, then empty into a chopping bowl. Chop it fine and add five hard boiled eggs chopped fine, plenty of butter, salt, and pepper to taste. Put into a well buttered baking dish and set in the oven for about a quarter of an hour. When taken from the oven garnish with a few yolks and add to same one-third hard boiled eggs. Dash a little pepper and salt over them and send to the table. Serve with vinegar.

Spinach in Eggs.—Cook spinach until thoroughly done in salted water as for ordinary use. While this is boiling, hard boil one dozen eggs; remove the shells and cut in halves, removing a small slice from the end of each egg and standing them upon a platter. Remove tne youlks and add to same one-third teaspoonful of ground mustard, one large tablespoonful of butter, one-third teaspoonful of sugar, and a pinch of salt. Beat this mixture thoroughly together, then add enough vinegar to make it about the consistency of soft mashed potatoes. Thoroughly drain the spinach, seasoning with butter; fill the egg cups previously arranged on platter, taking care to heap up in little green mounds, leaving the whites of the eggs like white cups. Then put the yolks, prepared as above, in ricer and squeeze over the entire platter. This is an attractive looking dish and most delicious.

HOW TO USE DRY BREAD.

Fried Bread and Apples.—Cut bread in slices and brown with butter in a skillet. Pare and slice apples; put them over the bread, sprinkle with cinnamon and one and one-half cupfuls of sugar and pour over one cupful of water. Cover and cook slowly until apples soften. Turn out with apples on top.

Used as Cracker Crumbs.—Save all scraps of bread. When you have enough put them in a pan and toast. When cool roll them with rolling pin and keep in box. They are always ready for use for veal loaf, frying, and the like. Use same as cracker crumbs.

Real Economy.—Every housekeeper is confronted with the problem of how to dispose of stale bread. One way of utilizing this ever-accumulating by product of the larder is to put the thoroughly dried pieces of bread through the universal food grinder and use the "meal" thus produced in any batter compound, such as griddle cakes, puddings, bread and biscuit sponge, and even cookies in the proportion of about, equal parts of bread crumbs and flour. This method has the advantage over others where expensive new material must be added to make a palatable dish.

KITCHEN TIME SAVERS.

Kitchen Table.—If housekeepers who have natural wood kitchen tables would cut a lemon in two and rub over the surface, rinsing well with clean warm water, the result would be a snowy white board without the rough top made by continued scrubbing with a brush.

Hint for Whip Cream.—Whip cream in the upper part of a double boiler having fine ice or cold water in lower part. The greater depth prevents the spattering from the egg beater which is so annoying when a bowl is used.

When Using Nuts.—In spring when nuts are tasteless and dry soak them in luke warm water. This causes them to become plump and improves the flavor.

To Peel Oranges.—Pour scalding water over orange and let stand five minutes. The thick white inner skin, usually so hard to get off, will adhere to the peel and come off with it, leaving fruit beautifully clean and ready to slice.

CHEESECLOTH HELPS.

Vegetable Bags.—Small cheesecloth or salt bags dipped in cold water are fine to keep lettuce, celery, radishes, and the like on the ice. They are much less trouble than a dish and the contents keep longer than any other way.

For the Refrigerator.—To keep the pipe and inside of refrigerator clean make a cheesecloth bag to fit the inside of the ice chamber and put the ice in it. The bag can easily be taken out and washed and all sediment from the ice will be found in it instead of in trap and pipe. Especially nice for those using natural ice.

FOUNDER OF BOY SCOUTS.

General Baden-Powell Great Believer in English Boys.

There is no greater believer in the possibilities of the boys of Great Britain than Lieutenant-General Baden-Powell, the founder of the troops of boy scouts throughout the country. And there is no more picturesque personality in military annals to-day than the man who has shown boys that while "playing at soldiers" they can gain great knowledge, and develop their bodies while developing their minds. Not only is the defender of Mafeking a brilliant soldier, but he is a very fine artist, as well as actor. Once, when quartered at Aldershot, a man, anxious to draw the General's attention to some gun, always waylaid him on his afternoon walk. This happened so often that the General one day disguised himself as a navvy previous to going out for his usual walk. On his way back he encountered the man. Slouching his shoulders and assuming a ferocious expression, he strolled up to him. "Are you the chap wot's looking for Baden-Powell?" he asked. "For if you are, he has sent me out to keep the road clear for 'im." He was never again disturbed in his afternoon walk. The gallant Lieutenant-General, by the way, has two favorite mottoes. One is, "Don't flurry; patience wins the day," and the other, "A smile and a stick will carry a man through almost any difficulty."

SENTENCE SERMONS.

Occupations arm the heart.

The larger the soul, the simpler the life.

Gold is tried by fire and man often by gold.

The faith that does not revise you needs revising.

You cannot conquer any weakness by coddling it.

The only pleasures enjoyed are those that are earned.

Love is eternal because it never worries about dying.

They are most harmed by flattery who are most hungry for it.

Measure the appreciation you bestow by that which you desire.

Taking a by-path to avoid duty we are sure to meet our deserts.

The mark of a free man is that he binds himself to some high duty.

No man comes to himself until he knows that he belongs to his world.

It is better to be wrecked through overzeal than to rot from overcaution.

The power to comfort others does not come from consoling yourself.

The leaden heart easily learns how to praise the golden rule in silvery tones.

Hypocrisy is simply failure to credit other people with ordinary discernment.

Citizenship in heaven will not exempt you from either taxes or service here.

You may know how heaven regards money when you see the people who have it.

You never know how much good there is in men until some dark day falls on us all.

Some seem to think the best evidence of being the salt of the earth is ability to make folks smart.

The man who gets out his ear trumpet when his neighbors are being roasted puts it in his pocket when the collection for the needy is announced.

FIRST USE OF "MAJESTY."

The title "majesty" was first used of the Emperors of Germany. The first King to receive it was Louis XI. of France, about 1463. It was first used of an English sovereign in 1520 on the Field of Cloth of Gold when Francis I. so addressed Henry VIII. James I. adopted the present English style of Sacred or Most Excellent Majesty. Henry VIII. was commonly addressed as Dread Sovereign.

UNFORTUNATELY TRUE.

When a man is talking about himself he is never at a loss for words.

"You were a long time in the far corner of the conservatory last evening," suggested the mother, "What was going on?" "Do you remember the occasion on which you became engaged to papa?" inquired the daughter, by way of reply. "Of course I do." "Then it ought not to be necessary for you to ask any quesitons." Thus gently the news was broken that they were to have a son-in-law.

THE MYSTERIOUS KEY

OR, PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE.

CHAPTER II.—(Continued).

"Ah! then there was a wedding-ring!" interposed Gerald, glancing up from his reading.

He arose and went to the table, where he eagerly looked within the envelope from which he had taken the papers.

Yes, in one corner there was a small, but heavy, band of gold, and upon the inside he found engraved the initials, "A. B. to M. H.," together with a date which corresponded with that upon the certificate—April 10, 18—.

"Surely, everything indicates a bona-fide marriage, and I cannot understand why my mother was deserted in such an apparently heartless manner," he muttered, his face gloomy and overcast; "everything, up to the moment when her husband left her, seemed straightforward and sincere, and it was not like him to basely desert any one like that—least of all a wife whom it cannot be doubted he loved. It is the greatest mystery in the world!"

"It certainly seems so," said Lady Bromley, wiping her eyes, for she had been quietly weeping over the sad story of the poor, wronged young wife.

"And now," continued Gerald, again returning to the manuscript, "I have nearly come to the end of my sorrowful tale. I laid Marian away beside her father and mother, in the old family plot in Ashton, Rhode Island; but I put no stone at her grave—I could ill afford it, for one reason, and I would not record her name there as Miriam Harris. Yet I shall conceal this revelation among other relics in the old mahogany cricket which I have charged you always to keep. I have recorded here that I pledged myself that I would never reveal the secret of your birth; but I made a mental reservation that when you were twenty-one I would confide it to you, with the proofs of your parentage, and you could then act as you thought best about revealing your identity to Adam Brewster, or his family, should any of them be living and known to you at that time. Once, when you were about a year old, I went to New York, and made inquiries about the Brewster family. They were not in the city, and I have never heard anything about them since. Two months ago I brought you here to New York with me, so that you might have the advantage of good schools. I am going to do the very best I can for you, my boy, so that if the time ever comes for you to appear as a Brewster, you will be a credit to your name. Some time I am going to make further inquiries regarding the family."

The letter stopped abruptly here, but was resumed upon another sheet, under a later date:

"I have just come from a visit to Ashton, Rhode Island, where I went to look after the family lot in the cemetery. Sometimes I think I have a trouble which may take me off suddenly, and I wanted to be sure the place was in good order, and to tell the sexton where to lay me when I am carried there. I am rather sorry that I did not put some kind of stone at Miriam's grave; but if you ever find this, you can act your own pleasure about the matter, and perhaps you will also look after the place occasionally, so that it will not look neglected. You have always been a good boy, Gerald—my pride and my blessing, even if I have seemed sharp and reserved with you at times when you have asked questions that were difficult to answer. I hope and pray that you may be prospered in life, and have a happier lot than fell to your mother. I may add something more to this, but think it doubtful."

That was all, but the pathos of the last few pages had been very touching, and Gerald's voice was husky, his lips tremulous, as he concluded.

"Aunt Honor was a noble woman," he said; "I have never realized how much she must have sacrificed for me until now. I shall go to New Haven to-morrow, and after I have examined those records I will hasten to Ashton, to visit her grave and my mother's, both of which shall no longer remain unmarked. Oh, Lady Bromley! Can all this be true?" he exclaimed, as he refolded those closely written sheets, "or have I only been dreaming?"

"I believe it is true—of course, it must be true, and henceforth you are Gerald Winchester Brewster," she smilingly replied, and feeling that he would be a noble representative of the family name.

"Not at present," he gravely returned; "not until I have faced John Hubbard in court, and proved my position. Then the world may know the secret of my birth. But," with a deep sigh, "I cannot understand my father's unaccountable desertion of my mother. If I thought it was premeditated, I believe I should be tempted to repudiate him, and refuse to bear his name."

"It certainly is a tantalizing mystery, but I sincerely hope that it will some time be solved to your satisfaction,' said his friend earnestly.

"I fear not, but I would give the world, if it was mine, for even a sign that he was true to her," Gerald remarked, and little thinking how soon his wish was to be granted.

CHAPTER III.

The next morning Gerald had a long talk with Mr. Lyttleton, Lady Bromley's brother, by whom he was employed, regarding the astonishing discovery which he had made, and the man at once threw himself, heart and soul, into the work of sifting the matter to the bottom, and, if possible, overthrowing John Hubbard, who, from the first, he had believed to be a scheming scoundrel.

It promised to be a very interesting case, and, like an old war-horse scenting the battle from afar, he became all alert and eager for the fray.

"We will make that rascal squirm in the most lively manner, before we get through with him," he grimly remarked, with an anticipative chuckle, while talking over the modus operandi which he intended to pursue.

"You appear to be very hopeful of the issue," Gerald smilingly observed.

"I only wish I could feel half as sure of winning my sister's case for her," Mr. Lyttleton replied, a frown of annoyance sweeping his brow.

"Have you any news—are there more complications to be met?" the young man questioned.

"No; nothing that really amounts to anything; but the English are so conservative, and, of course, the sympathies of an English jury are likely to be enlisted in the interests of their own countryman. Lady Bromley is an American, and that fact is against her, while the relatives of her husband have the characteristic 'bulldog' grip, and will never let go while there is a foot of ground or an English shilling left to fight for. If there had only been children, everything would easily have been settled at the outset. It's a great pity that Mabel couldn't have given Sir Charles an heir to the estate," Mr. Lyttleton concluded, with a sigh.

The case had been held in litigation so long, and was continually being deferred for what seemed to him no reason whatever, he was becoming somewhat discouraged and growing to fear that his client was being subjected to the "freezing-out process."

"However," he added, brightening after a moment, "we will dive into the case of Brewster vs. Brewster with a right good-will, and we must proceed, forthwith, to gather our facts and evidence. You had better go at once to New Haven, as you have planned, and look up the record of your mother's marriage, which, if found to correspond with the certificate, will greatly strengthen your case. Study carefully the record of marriage intentions, also, for, of course, one will corroborate the other."

So Gerald started immediately for New Haven, where his fair young mother had spent most of her life, and become the heroine of the sad romance which he had learned only the day before.

Upon his arrival, he went directly to the office of the city clerk, where he called for the marriage records of the year which appeared upon the certificate in his possession. When the ponderous book was placed before him, his heart began to quake with the fear that disappointment might be in store for him, and his search amount to nothing.

Finally he found the date he was looking for, and then slowly scanned the page and the names recorded under it. Suddenly he started, and an expression of mingled astonishment and dismay swept over his features as he read those of Aldren Bronstern and Miriam Harris!

This was like a blow in the face of our hero, and he sat staring blankly at the entry, both color and courage forsaking him for the moment.

"Well, this beats me!" he muttered, a strange sense of defeat stealing over him. "What can it mean? The name on the certificate in my possession is certainly Adam Brewster."

He drew it forth, and proceeded to compare it with the entry before him.

The handwriting was unmistakably the same, both upon the book and the certificate, and yet "Adam Brewster" was inscribed upon the one, and "Aldren Bronstern" upon the other, too plainly to be mistaken.

The latter had a very German look and sound, and it was an inexplicable mystery to him.

He then examined the record of marriage intentions, with the same result—that queer-looking name stared him boldly in the face wherever it had been necessary to enter it.

"It certainly seems as if I am to be handicapped at the very outset," he said to himself gloomily; "no court would ever admit the authenticity of any certificate which I might produce in the face of such counter-evidence as this. But," with a start, "where did John Hubbard find that record of Adam Brewster's marriage to Louisa Simpson? He claimed that they were married on the same day, and in the city of New Haven; if that is so, I ought to find the entry here."

And with this thought in mind he began to run his fingers down the page.

Ah! a few lines below he found it—Adam Brewster to Louisa Simpson, and under the same date.

His heart sank like a lump of lead in his bosom. He could not understand it, and he was bitterly disappointed at this unexpected frustration of all his hopes.

But he made a copy of both entries, and then, with a feeling of deep despondency, left the office, fearing that his journey had been all in vain, and that the puzzle would never be solved.

As we know, it had been his intention to keep on to that little town in Rhode Island where his aunt and mother were buried. He had never visited the place since Miss Winchester's body was taken there for interment, eight years previous, and, after reading her letter, he felt that he owed it to her to heed her wishes regarding the lot in the cemetery.

But now, in view of his disappointment, he had no heart for any other enterprise—he was eager to return directly to New York, to confide the result of his trip to Mr. Lyttleton, and consult with him regarding what step, if any, to take next.

He had even turned his steps toward the station, with this purpose in view, when some inward monitor prompted him to stop and reconsider his determination.

"Since I have come so far on the way, it seems a pity not to keep on," he muttered reflectively; "it will only delay me one day, and I may be tempted to continued procrastination and so neglect my duty altogether. It is selfish of me to think of only my own personal interests—no, I will go on, make arrangements to have the lot well cared for in the future, without dallying over it any longer, and so have my conscience at rest about the matter."

Having arived at this decision, he resolutely faced about and proceeded to put it into execution.

It was late in the evening when he arrived in the little town of Ashton, which, however, had grown considerably since his last sad visit to the place, and he thought it would be useless to go to the village cemetery before morning.

He made his way to the one small hotel which the town boasted, procured his supper, and then retired, but feeling far more weary than if he had labored all day long in the office—so susceptible is the body to the action of the mind.

He slept heavily, but awakened early, and immediately arose, for he was anxious to get through with his business and return to New York as soon as possible.

It was the month of October. The morning was bright, the air clear and keen, from the slight frost of the night previous, while the foliage everywhere was brilliant with a thousand exquisite tints which made the thrifty little hamlet, nestling so cozily in the shadows of the many fine old trees that graced its streets, seem like a beautifully illuminated picture.

A brisk walk of ten minutes brought Gerald to the entrance to the cemetery, when, entering, he threaded his way through the various paths, until he finally came in sight of the old Winchester lot.

The moment his glance fell upon it, he stopped short, an exclamation of astonishment bursting involuntarily from him, for it was in the nicest possible order, and showed evidences of thoughtful, even loving, care, and the expenditure of no small amount of money.

It had been nicely graded, and a fine granite border set around it, while, on one side, a small but very taseful monument of the same stone had been erected.

His first thought, on coming in sight of it, was that he had mistaken the spot; then he knew by the two beautiful willows, which he had so admired eight years ago, and which were the only one in the grounds, that he was right.

(To be Continued.)

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Many a man has been bitten in a dog trade.

The ant can draw twenty times its own weight—and so can a mustard plaster.

About the Farm

PHOSPHATE FOR HOGS.

A noted veterinary authority says: "If hogs show a tendency to weakness on the legs, feed less corn and more bran." The reason why bran is good for weak bones is, that it contains more phosphate than corn. But if the farmer has provided himself with a few bags of raw ground phosphate rock, he will find it an excellent thing to sprinkle a little of it on the floor of the pen every day. The hogs will root for it greedily.

Two years ago we studied the phosphate experiment made with pigs, at the Wisconsin Experiment Station. It was most convincing of the truth of the statement we have made. Three pens of pigs, of three each, were taken for the experiment. One lot was fed as farmers ordinarily feed hogs; the second lot was fed the same as the first, except that a little phosphate was added to their food daily. The effect was astonishing in the increased vigor and strength of the second lot. But it was with the third lot that the full truth was unfolded.

This lot was fed food from which all the phosphate had been extracted by washing, but the process left all other elements such as the nitrogen and potash, in full strength. The effect of the loss of phosphate on these pigs was very striking. They were stunted in size though well covered with fat, and at the stage of the experiment we saw them, they could not stand on their legs a minute. Get one of them upon his feet for a moment and he would commence to falter at once.

Here was a lesson in the principles of nitrition that was very valuable to the man who can take it in. Phosphorus is one of the most important elements we have for the support of the brain, nerve and bone in animal life, and for seed growth in plants.

We have always noticed that our own hogs will at once commence to root in and eat the ground phosphate when we sprinkle it on the floor of their pens. A small handful each day to each hog is valuable for the animal and the greater efficiency of the manure.

FARM NOTES.

Repairs may be made on outbuildings, the work on the outside being done on mild days and the work on the interior on colder days. Grain in the bins can be cleaned and prepared for market, even though it is not to be sold at once, but it should not be left in bags as as they are liable to be gnawed by mice.

If the landowner wishes to renew the growth of timber on his forest tract, it is a good plan to keep out all live stock that will be likely to injure the new and tender trees springing up from the seeds dropped by the parent trees at seeding time. It is remarkable how quickly Nature will renew a cutover or fire-scourged woodland, if she is but left alone.

The science of plant life must be mastered by the modern farmer who desires a measure of success. He who neglects to become familiar with the elements comprising plant food gropes in the darkness of agricultural disappointment. Conducting a farm without studying the soil and its component parts results in failure just as merchandising and not keeping track of the cost and selling prices. The farmer cannot afford to neglect his accounts, with the fields and their annual products. He must be in touch at all times, with the source of income and know the gates that open to escaping revenues.

LIVE STOCK NOTES.

If a horse voids whole grain his teeth need looking after. Have them filed at once. Don't bungle the job; get a man who understands his business.

Examine, or have a competent veterinary surgeon examine, the horses' teeth, and have bad ones pulled carefully and quickly. Horses suffer long from toothache, unsuspected; and when the cold iron bit hits the tooth with a jerk, it stes him frantic, and he bolts to free himself from the pain.

One of the greatest mistakes made in sheep keeping is having the lambs come too early, before the ewes have milk enough for them. Cold weather is nothing to the lambs if they have food enough supplied by the ewes, and to secure this in winter taxes all the skill of the shepherd. It is better for stock sheep when early lambs are not desired to have the ewes come in May, otherwise plenty of good clover hay, a liberal supply of roots of some kind, and half a pound of bran a day, and no corn at all, will enable the ewes to give the most milk for their lambs. Too much corn is destructive to sheep.

GENERAL INFORMAITON.

Tit-Bits of Knowledge About 'Most Everything.

Red and Green Snow has been seen in Greenland.

London spends something like $4,300,000 a year on Poor Law officials.

Newfoundland is without reptiles. It is said that no snake, frog, toad, or lizard has ever been seen there.

More books are printed in Edinburgh in proportion to population than in any other city in the world.

The Queen's crown weighs only 39oz. 5dwt., though it comprises precious stones to the value of $180,000.

Orange-blossom was adopted for bridal-wreaths because the orange-branch bears fruit and flowers at once, and is thus a sign of plenty.

Posters took their name from the fact that in former times the footways of London streets were separated from the drives by a line of posts, on which advertisements were displayed.

Alcohol distilled from currants is being used for lighting purposes in some parts of Greece, and will take the place of petroleum rather than gas, electricity, or acetylene.

One hundred years ago it was considered a wonderful achievement for ten men to manufacture 48,000 pins in a day. Now three men make 7,500,000 pins in the same time.

Black pearls are the most valuable, then pink, next in value white, and lastly yellow. Pearls are steadily increasing in price; they now cost three times as much as they did ten years ago.

The nut-trees of the world could, it is calculated, provide food all the year round for the population of the globe. Brazil nuts grow in such profusion that thousands of tons of them are wasted every year.

In order to give as little trouble as possible to his wife, should she survive him, an old carpenter at Surbiton, Surrey, England, has made his coffin, which he keeps in his little workshop ready for emergencies.

Lake Batticaloa, Ceylon, has the probably unique distinction of being the home of musical fish. The sounds emitted by these are said to be as sweet and melodious as those which can be produced by a series of Æolian harps.

Gold in transit by sea "sweats," however tightly it may be packed. It is usually sent in stout kegs, and squeezed in as tightly as possible; but there is a regular allowance for loss by attrition upon the voyage, and in the course of years this loss to the commercial world amounts to a large sum.

COINERS STEAL BELLS.

Taken From Church and Jail—Metal of Counterfeiters.

The strange theft of a church bell from the chapter house of Southwark Cathedral the other day was paralleled some few years ago by the mysterious disappearance of the big bell of a famous English jail. It was in its place one evening and the next morning it had vanished. The affair was kept a secret from the press, in accordance with the traditional policy pursued by our prison authorities, and for a long while nobody knew what had become of the missing article, says Pearson's Weekly.

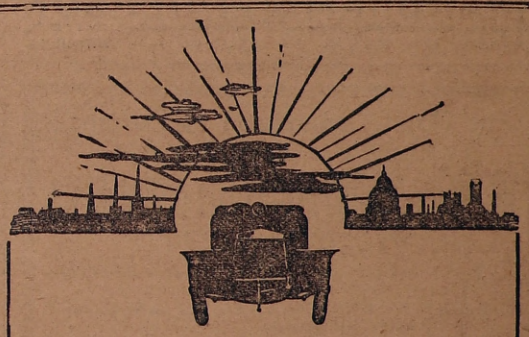
Eventually, however, it leaked out that it had been stolen by one of the convicts with the connivance of a warder. The thief was a professional coiner whose period of detention was on the point of expiring and his reason for desiring the acquisition of so much good metal is sufficiently obvious to need no explanation.

In all probability the missing Southwark bell was annexed for a similar purpose, although other ends have been had in view in the past by stealers of such articles. There was, for instance, the case of the antiquary who stole the famous St. Killin bell from its place in the tower of Killin Church in Perthshire.

The vulgar believed that the bell if surreptitiously carried away would extricate itself from the hands of the thief of its own accord and return home ringing all the way, and the antiquary, when called to account, pleaded that he took the bell in order to prove the falsity of this particular popular superstition. Then there was that "Ralph the Rover" of Southey's well known ballad who stole the Inchcape bell in order that peaceful merchantmen might be wrecked upon the dreaded reef. He perished himself, with all his crew, because of the absence of its warning note; a fact known to every schoolboy.

Occasionally when a man attempts to stand on his dignity some one spoils it by sitting on it.

The average woman can't hit the side of a barn with a brick, but when it comes to throwing hints she hits the target every time.



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Improvement of Farm Crops

Barley in Ontario

The barley crop in Ontario has increased in market value from $4,812,194 to $12,900,689 during the past ten years, according to the latest reports of the Ontario Bureau of Industries. In the same period the area devoted to barley increased from 438,784 to 766,891 acres. The average annual yield of barley per acre for the last ten years was 22.5 per cent. greater than that of the ten years previous. These large increases in areas and in yields per acre are undoubtedly due, to a considerable extent, to the introduction of the Mandscheuri variety of the Ontario Agricultural College, and to the distribution of the same through the medium of the Experimental Union.

Mandscheuri Barley

One hundred and fourteen named varieties of barley have been grown in the Experimental Department at the College for at least five years in succession, and some of them have been grown in each of twenty years. In the spring of 1889 one pound of Mandscheuri barley, which was obtained from Russia, was sown on a small plot in the Experimental Department to be tested with sixty other varieties. It produced comparatively stiff straw and gave a large yield of barley which was of good feeding quality, being fairly thin in the hull and plump in the grain. It has continued to give good results, the average for twenty years being 69.8 bushels of grain per acre in the experimental plots.

Small quantities of the Mandscheuri barley have been distributed in each of the past fifteen years to those farmers who applied for the experiment with barley in connection with the Experimental Union. From these one-pound lots so distributed there are now about 567,000 acres of the Mandscheuri barley grown in Ontario annually. The introduction of this variety has had a wonderful influence on the barley production of this province.

O. A. C. No. 21 Barley

In the spring of 1903 9,972 selected grains of the Mandscheuri barley were planted by hand at equal distances apart in the Experimental Department at the College. When the plants were ripe they were carefully examined, and thirty-three of the most promising ones were selected, harvested and threshed separately. In 1904, thirty-three separate lots of barley were grown from the plants selected in the year previous. From that time forward only the best strains were grown in the tests as follows: Fourteen in 1905, eight in 1906, seven in 1907, and three in 1908. In one instance over forty bushels of barley were grown in 1905 as the product of one seed planted in the spring of 1903. Of all the selected strains, the one which is known as "O. A. C. No. 21" has made the best record. In each of the last two years it has actually given better results than the Mandscheuri variety in yield of grain, in freedom from rust, and in both length and strength of straw in the experiments at the College, and also in the co-opeasative tests throughout Ontario. The grain is quite easily distinguished from that of the Mandscheuri barley.

From one-pound lots of the O. A. C. No. 21 barley sent along with two other varieties to Experimental Union applicants in each of the past three years, several thousand bushels of this barley were grown in Ontario in 1908. One farmer in Huron county harvested nine hundred bushels of the O.A.C. No. 21 barley in 1908, which was the third crop produced from one pound of seed sown in the spring of 1903. Farmers who had kept the barley pure had a large local demand for seed this spring from their neighboring farmers, and in some instances realized as high as $1.50 per bushel. The demand for seed next year will likely be more general, as the barley will be better known. It is quite probable that in a very short time this barley will be grown more extensively than any other variety in Ontario.

Improvement of Farm Crops by Means of Cross Fertilization

Besides the work in selection for the improvement of barley and other farm crops, the College has made twenty-five distinct crosses between leading varieties of barley, oats, spring wheat, winter wheat, and field peas, within the past seven years. About forty thousand hybrid plants, besides one hundred and seventeen plots of hybrids, were grown in the Experimental Department in 1908. Some interesting and important results are expected from these hybrids during the coming season.

C. A. ZAVITZ.

Military Canteens Abolished

The Dominion at large will heartily approve of the policy adopted by Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of Militia, in abolishing the liquor canteens in the instruction camps. The matter was under consideration at a conference of the Dominion Alliance and the Moral and Social Reform Council with Sir Frederick Borden and the Militia Council. The question of abolition was fully considered in all its aspects, and the new policy was adopted as making for the sobriety and efficiency of the forces, and at the same time lessening temptations among young men gathered together away from the restraints of home life. Colonel Lessard, Adjutant-General, has sent a letter to the various militia officers directing that in accordance with the decision of the Minister, every possible precaution shall be taken to prevent the sale of liquor in the militia camps. It is specifically stated that this shall apply to officers' and other messes as well as to the canteens. There shall be no sale of liquor even to members of the messes. The department is thoroughly in earnest in the matter, and the officers in charge will be held personally responsible for any violation of the order in this regard.—Globe.

Some changes have been made in the Ontario Horticultural Society's Act. The limit of the grant to new societies in future will be $75 instead of $100. After January, 1910, no society shall be entitled to receive an annual grant of more than $800. The request of the provincial association that the total grant to the societies of the province be increased from $8,000 to $10,000 was not granted.

THE DEATH PENALTY.

Horrors Incidental to Old Time Execution by Drowning.

Execution by drowning was abolished in France by Henri Quatre, only to be revived by one of his successors. It was finally abolished as a statutory method of execution by the earliest decree of the great revolutionaries.

As late as the eighteenth century death by drowning was decreed to a felon in Edinburgh, and in the middle ages it was a common enough mode of doing a convicted criminal to death. That execution of this nature was considered as humane as any other, so far as the victim was concerned, is shown by the fact that it was not unknown among the early Jews, who varied the punishment of stoning adulteresses by drowning them. Among the Egyptians it was common. The Roman lex cornelia sanctioned the method by placing it on the statute records. Tacitus tells us that the Germans copied the practice from the Romans. The Teuton termed it the "last baptism," and he did not allow his powers of imagination to sleep when he set about devising additional varieties which should add to the excitement attending upon the doomed person's departure from life. The convict was sewed up, Monte Cristo fashion, in a bag, and with him were inclosed a vicious dog, a hungry cat, a violent rooster, a venomous viper, all very much alive and presumably kicking.

For what reason it is hard to see, but death by drowning was by many peoples considered preferable for criminal women. In the case of very debased or very mean offenders the Romans had a more or less pleasant fashion of drowning the doomed ones in marshes, first incasing them in elaborate crates.

For refined cruelty in killing off their female criminals the earlier Albanians were certainly the most inventive in the matter of ingenuity. It is commonly known, of course, that even the modern Albanian has less respect for womankind than any other known male in the human catalogue, not even excluding the Chinese. The approved method of doing a criminal or even a displeasing woman to death prevalent among them up to rather less than a century ago was to chain her in a tank into which the water was allowed to flow gradually. As the water reached her breast it was allowed to recede, sometimes back to her ankles, when the refilling of the tank began anew. If the woman had children the torture was varied by the drowning or mutilation of them before her eyes. To various parts of her body was attached such food as attracts rats, of which a number would be let loose.

Fog Filters In London.

"All London public buildings are now erected with fog filters," said an architect. "They are essential. London's yellow brown fog, made of the smoke of a million soft coal fires, smells of sulphur, irritates eyes and throat and causes headache. It penetrates houses. Waking on a winter morning, you can't see across your bedroom for it. So now all public buildings filter it. The air is drawn in one orifice only, and fans hurl it against curtains of cotton six inches thick. It is forced through these curtains. It comes out on the other side for distribution through the various rooms a fairly clean, pure, transparent air. But the white filter curtains! Every day they must be changed. It takes only an hour to gray them, and by nightfall they are as black as ink."

Scottish Impartiality.

Color sergeant of highland company (in which were one or two English) calling the roll:

"Angus Mackay!" No reply. (Louder.) "Angus Mackay!" Still no reply. (Sotto voce.) "I ken ye're there. Yer aye at yer jooty, decent mon, but ye're ower modest to speak before sae mony folk. I see ye fine." (Marks him down in the roll.)

"John Jones!"

Squeaky voice replies. "'Ere."

Sergeant—Ou, aye, ye're here or say ye're here, but ye're sic a muckle lecar I canna believe a word that comes oot o' yer mooth, sae I'll jist mark ye doon as absent!"—London Answers.

Much Like Demosthenes.

"Woman," he said, "really ought to be a better orator than man."

"Why so?" she asked.

"Because," he replied, "to a certain extent at least she follows the methods of that famed orator Demosthenes."

"In what way?" she inquired, still busy with the finishing touches of her toilet.

"You remember," he answered, "that Demosthenes used to practice talking with his mouth full of pebbles."

She hastily took the pins out of her mouth and informed him that he was a mean old thing anyway.

And So He Left Them.

With a heart full of good intentions and a bag full of uplift tracts he approached the cottage in the bucolic wilds.

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"You may, kind sir, but leave the heel marks of them pointing directly toward these steps."

Art.

Friend—What! You pawned your one good coat to get canvas for your painting? Artist—Yes. Friend—And how much did you get for the picture? Artist—Nearly enough to get my coat cut.

Truly there is a tide in the affairs of men, but there is no gulf stream setting forever in one direction.—Lowell.

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Prairie fires are doing much damage in Saskatchewan. Near Rush Lake one child was burned to death and the corpse of another consumed.

Over two hundred thousand pounds of human hair was shipped from Hongkong to the United States last year, as against one hundred and thirty-three pounds the year before.

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Where Money is Lost

A striking example of the money that is lost by farmers who send good milk to factories where the cheese makers accept inferior milk, was furnished by Chief Dairy Instructor G. G. Publow at a meeting of dairymen held in Peterboro recently. "Last year," said Mr. Publow, "one of our dairy instructors conducted a test in a cheese factory to find how much money is lost where bad milk is accepted at the factory.

"This instructor went to the factory on July 31st. On that day all milk that was delivered by the patrons was accepted. In all 9,795 lbs. of milk were received, from which 791 lbs. of cheese were made. It took 12.38 lbs. of milk to make a pound of cheese.

"The following day, August 1st, all the milk that was not in good condition was refused. The milk that was accepted weighed 9,281 lbs. From it 841 lbs. of cheese were made. Thus it required only 11.03 lbs. of this better milk to make a pound of cheese. Fifty lbs. more cheese was made although 514 lbs. less milk was used. Had all the milk accepted on July 31st been as good as the milk that was accepted on the following day, 96 lbs. more cheese might have been made. Valued at 12c. a lb., it means that the patrons of that factory lost $11.52 that day because poor milk was accepted.

"These figures show how necessary it is that cheese makers shall refuse poor milk when it is delivered at the factory. They also show that farmers who deliver good milk at the factory should back up their cheese maker in refusing bad milk. One can of bad milk, when mixed with the good milk delivered by the other patrons of a factory, is liable to cause a loss of many dollars to the best patrons of the factory."

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When Brown Bros., of Leeds county, Ont., received $2,000 for their record-breaking Holstein cow, it was thought by many to be the highest price ever paid for a Canadian cow. A correspondent to the Truro News disputes this claim, stating that the highest price for Mermaid of St. Lambert, a Jersey, bred in Hamilton, Ont., brought to Bedford by G. W. Boggs, afterwards sold to John C. Spencer, and sold by him to an Upper Canada man, who sold her for $4,000. She was afterwards sold in Killogue's sale in New York for $25,000. Her two-year-old heifer was sold at the same sale for $16,000. The milk and butter record for Mermaid also raised her price and together with breeding was what made her valuable.

Not an Interested Party

Queen Alexandra's message to the Jubilee Nursing Congress at Liverpool is regarded as an indirect disapproval of woman suffrage. One dislikes to contradict a lady, and especially one in so exalted a station, but it is the exalted station that makes it difficult for her to form a judgment. A queen does not require a vote for the purpose of carrying out her wishes. Whatever other arguments may be urged against woman suffrage, there is very little force in the argument that it is opposed by titled and wealthy women, or others who have special means of bringing their opinions to bear upon legislators. The women who are interested in suffrage are the great silent masses, whose only hope of influence lies in the marking of a ballot.—Toronto Star.

Life's Mirror

There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,
There are souls that are pure and true;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.

Give love, and love to your heart will flow,
A strength in your utmost need;
Have faith, and a score of hearts will show
Their faith in your word and deed.

Give truth, and your gift will be paid in kind,
And honor will honor meet;
And a smile that is sweet will surely find
A smile that is just as sweet.

For life is the mirror of king and slave,
'Tis just what we are and do;
Then give to the world the best you have,
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—Madeline S. Bridges.

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Teach Boys Integrity

One of the commonest ways of ruining a boy's character is to connive at some little deceit or lie. A boy was sent to the grocer to make a purchase, and when he returned the change to his mother it was discovered that there was a nickel too much. The grocer had made a mistake.

The mother put the nickel in her pocketbook; the boy saw it and thought that it was all right, and thus the mother taught the boy that taking things that did not belong to him was the fair thing.

Let no one think that a transaction of that sort ends there. It keeps up its influence in all the future, and makes that boy the kind of man he is. He is taught that it is not wrong to take another's property if the actual owner does not know it.

It is a mighty poor education many parents are giving their children, in practising or conniving at these little deceits. There is no way they can do their children more harm. How all these little incidents should be made use of to teach honesty instead of fraud!

Had the mother sent that boy who received a nickel of false change back to the grocery with it that little act would have been worth more than a thousand nickels to that boy. It would have helped to build his integrity and make him a reliable man.

The C. P. R. Flower Gardens

Enthusiasm and success are stampod all over the scheme for making the stations of the Canadian Pacific Railway the links in a flower chain extending across the continent. Mr. N. S. Dunlop, the chief of the C. P. R. claims department, 12 years ago inaugurated the free distribution of flower seeds to station agents and others, and the beautiful flower gardens by which so many of the company's stations are surrounded in the summer months are the direct result. In this direction the company has certainly given an impulse to civic pride all over the Dominion, the full effects of which can never be adequately estimated. It has been noticed wherever the station agent or section men establish a garden with the seeds supplied free from the company's floral departments, the enthusiasm for flowers invariably extends to the whole community and fosters pride in the beautifying of the homes of the people.

Mr. Dunlop is sending out the annual packages of seeds. No fewer than 50,000 packages, representing 32 varieties, are being shipped out, to be distributed in 1500 gardens across the continent.

"The flower fever," said Mr. Dunlop, "has spread over 12,000 miles of railway, and the desire for flowers extends to the company's hotels, dining cars, Atlantic and Pacific steamers, as well as the steamers on the Great Lakes, inland waters of British Columbia, and the British Columbia coast service.

"Agents, sectionmen and employes, together with their wives, vie with each other and make a flowery chain across Canada, and now wherever there is a C. P. R. station, section house or office building, there you will find flowers.

"Later on thousands of plants and shrubs will be sent out, while last fall we distributed 200,000 tulips, hyacinths, lilies, crocuses, iris bulbs. This means that with those sent out in former years there will soon be millions of early spring bulbs in bloom.

Anson News

Mr. and Miss Bell of Frankford were guests of Miss Hazel McMullen on Friday evening last.

Miss Evelyn Eggleton attended the Women's Missionary convention at Havelock. While there she was the guest of Rev. D. and Mrs. Balfour.

Mrs. Wannamaker is the guest of Miss Rosa Hanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Smith have a fine new baby girl.

Miss Ella Hubble visited her parents on Saturday last.

Miss M. Henderson of Wellman's Corners and Miss Gertie Summers of Mt. Pleasant spent Sunday with Misses M. and H. McMullen.

Mrs. W. Pearson is visiting friends at River Valley.

An earthquake which was felt from New Ontario on the east to nearly the base of the Rocky Mountains and from Prince Albert to St. Paul was felt on Saturday night. There was no loss of life, and not much damage caused.

A pain prescription is printed upon each 25c. box of Dr. Shoop's Pink Pain Tablets. Ask your doctor or druggists if this formula is not complete. Pain means congestion, blood pressure. Head pains, womanly pains, pain anywhere gets instant relief from a Pink Pain Tablet. Sold by J. S. Morton.

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Special value in Spanish Olives.....at 15c. bottle
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Money is power, and in its pursuit men tear open mountains and sail wide seas and toil early and late. Knowledge is power, and to possess it men read books and excavate buried cities and make experiments in the laboratory and exhaust the brain with perplexing thought. Social position gives power also, and there are those who will make any sacrifice and endure any humiliation to see their names printed in some exclusive list of first citizens.

THE STRUGGLE OF POWER

is as old as the race. Man is inferior in physical strength to many of the animals, but holds dominion over them all. He won his position by annexing power, which he found all about him in abundance. From humble beginnings he has multiplied power almost infinitely. His achievements with expanding steam and flashing lightning and magnetic currents surpass the dreams of Aladdin. The earth has an inexhaustible endowment of material force. In the beginning God equipped it with exhaustless energy. We have learned to command this force. We have taught this energy to serve us. The result is our material civilization.

But man is a spirit. His higher life demands something more than millions of horse power. He needs to wield a moral force surpassing all material force. He is called to the task by annihilating weakness and sin as he has annihilated time and space. The earth is full of moral energy. There has been manifested through the ages a power which impels this world from darkness into light. It is the power from on high. It is the spirit of holiness. All the currents of life are moving in our direction. The universe goes on to perfection.

As we have annexed the material, so we may annex the moral power. In both cases

KNOWLEDGE OF OBEDIENCE

are the keys which unlock the storehouses of energy. We have discovered the laws which govern the forces of nature. We work in harmony with these laws and nature is our servant. If we oppose them they crush us, so we must learn the laws of God and obey them. We must bring ourselves into harmony with the forces of righteousness.

The power from on high enters the heart of the good man. Then he is invincible. He can stand like Athanasius against the world. He is free from doubt. He knows not fear. He draws strength from the inexhaustible fountain of strength. In every controversy he can say: "They that are for us are more than they that are against us." He knows that one with God is a majority.

Thomas Reed Bridges, D.D.

THE S. S. LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, MAY 23.

Lesson VIII. The Council at Jerusalem. Golden Text, Acts 15: 11.

Introduction.—The world is full of quarrels. There are many men like that of whom a character in Shakespeare says: "Thou wilt quarre with a man that hath a hair more or a hair less in his head than thou hast. Thou wilt quarrel with a man for cracking nuts, having no other reason but because thou hast hazel eyes. Thy head is full of quarrels as an egg is full of meat." There are many others with one-sided views, which they hold pertinaciously and pugnaciously. In short, the disputes of the world are so many, so varied, and so certain, sooner or later, to involve each of us, that a lesson on quarrels is sure to be useful. If we can learn how to settle disputes wisely, it will be well worth while. That is the theme of to-day's lesson, which concerns a very deep and dangerous controversy that arose in the early church, and shows the wise and thoroughly Christian way in which it was settled.

I. The Point in Dispute.—V. 1. While Paul and Barnabas rested at Antioch after the first missionary journey, what difficulty arose? Certain men, perhaps those sent by James (Gal. 2: 12), came down from Judaea. The Bezan text says that these visitors were Pharisees, members of the strictest sect of Jews. Perhaps they came to investigate rumors of laxity in the church; at any rate they taught the brethren (the verb is in the imperfect, implying continued action—they kept teaching), and said, Except ye be circumcised . . . ye cannot be saved. A very different doctrine from St. Paul's "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16: 31). Of course these Pharisee Christians required faith in Christ, but they added the requirement of conformity to Jewish rites and laws. The result was no small dissension and disputation (v. 2).

II. The Matter Referred to Jerusalem.—Vs. 2-5. What wise course was taken concerning this dispute? They ("the brethren," v. 1) determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them (including Titus, Gal. 2: 1, afterward Paul's companion, a Greek, a man of much ability, who would serve as a specimen of the Gentile converts), should go up to Jerusalem (300 miles away) about this question. Paul went "by revelation" (Gal. 2: 2), which is entirely consistent with the statement that the church sent him.

III. Peter's Plea.—Vs. 6-11. Who made up the council? The apostles and elders, who "are mentioned on acount of their rank, not as composing the entire assembly. It is evident from v. 23 that the other Christians at Jerusalem were also present, and gave their sanction to the decrees enacted. (See also v. 12 compared with v. 22)"—American Commentary. Previously to this public gathering Paul had placed his views before the leading apostles in an unfruitful private conference described in Gal. 2: 2, 6.

IV. Paul's Plea.—V. 12. What was the result of Peter's testimony? All the multitude kept silence, the previous debates and the buzz of comment having been hushed by Peter's speech. They were in fit mood to listen to Paul's testimony, and, like the skilful tactician he was, he (and Barnabas) promptly seized the favorable opportunity to speak.

V. James's Plea.—Vs. 13-21. Who was this James, who took advantage of the silence and spoke next? He was the brother of our Lord (Gal. 1: 19) called in ecclesiastical history the Bishop of Jerusalem (Eusebius, 2: 23). He was a Hebrew of the Hebrews. From his upright and holy life he had gained the surname of "The Just." He spoke, therefore, with the weight of character as well as of wisdom.

VI. The Wise Decision.—Vs. 22-29. Why were representatives of the Jerusalem church chosen to carry the decision to Antioch? To give dignity to the matter, and weight. To reciprocate the honor paid by the Antioch Christians to the Jerusalem church in sending their leaders to consult with them, and not merely sending a letter. To confirm the report of Paul and Barnabas, which otherwise might be suspected of a bias toward their own well-known views. It is always best to conduct business in person.

VII. A Joyful Settlement.—Vs. 30-35. How did the Antioch church receive the news of the council's decision? The church was convened, and the letter from Jerusalem was publicly read. Then they rejoiced for the consolation. "Consolation" is the abstract noun corresponding to Paraclete, the Comforter of John 14. It refers primarily to the friend or advocate who stands beside a prisoner in the court, and strengthens his case by testifying on his side or pleading for him. The thought is the same as the Latin whence "comfort" is derived, con (cum)-fortis, "together-brave." It means more than soothing therefore; it implies strengthening.

THE HEART OF THE LESSON.

The truths taught by this history are very practical, both for the church at large and for individual Christians.

1. Christianity, with its stimulus to thought and its insistence upon liberty, has vastly promoted discussion of theology and of ecclesiastical systems. It has given rise to numberless discussions and differences, many of which have resulted in permanent divisions.

2. When Christians differ so much that they cannot or do not work together, as a unit, against the forces of evil and to further the ends of the Kingdom, their divisions are harmful, and they are to be settled in some such way as we have been studying.

3. Our lesson also shows us how disputes between two individuals are to be settled; talk it over, freely, frankly, and face to face; look on the good side of each other, and try to see matters from the other's view-point as well as your own; see how much you can give up, without offending conscience; seek the divine guidance.

And every man has a right to his own opinion—as long as he remains a bachelor.

PLEA FOR CANADIAN NAVY

UNDER DIRECTION OF THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY.

D. D. Mann, Esq., Vice-President Canadian Northern R. R., in National Magazine.

(Continued.)

To the American in Canada the incrediable thing has happened. He has found it impossible to take the oath of allegiance to the descendant of George the Third; but in so doing he has not troubled himself to think that he has readjusted his relation to the peerage. His allegiance is given to Canada.

It is surely not necessary to labor the point that in bringing the Galician and the American into the Empire, and affording to both of them honest administration of justice and unlimited opportunity to bear a high part in the making and observing of laws, the Dominion of Canada has made a notable contribution to the strength of the Empire itself, as well as to the broadening of her own bases of strength. For there will go on, more and more quickly, in an invigorating climate and on a fertile soil, a blending of races, which will eventuate in a type as virile and enduring as the English type itself became through the intermarriage of the different peoples who, from time to time, invaded the shores of Great Britain.

As the Empire is vaster than England, we do not seek merely to help our new population to become loyal to England. We verymuch desire their loyalty to the Empire, as we ourselves are loyal. But the first thing, the vital thing, is to secure their loyalty to Canada, and as one of the most important steps in that evolution, I would place the creation of

A CANADIAN NAVY.

The navy will be a natural consequence of placing the Canadian militia on an entirely Canadian basis, and controlled altogether from Ottawa. There is, of course, this difference between a militia and a navy—that a land force is entirely suitable to a country which has no foreign relations, and does not have to prepare for possible quarrels with States beyond the seas; whereas a navy, by the very fact of its existence, proclaims the country which establishes it to be, in some degree, at least, a world power.

It might be argued that, for a country which has no foreign ministers, to have a navy of its own is an impossibility in international politics; and that there is no halfway between a navy of Canadian origin, subject absolutely to the direction of the British Admiralty, and a navy, the instrument of a totally independent power. If precedents were allowed to govern policies, this augument might have some weight; but, if the Empire had always waited for precedents, it would have ended long ago. This generation is just as capable of creating precedents as its forerunners were. There is no more reason why a Canadian navy should be wholly responsible to the Admiralty in London, than there is reason why the Finance Minister of Canada should be a creature of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

I do not conceive that Canada would propose to contribute to the cost of the Imperial navy, without direct representation on the Admiralty Board, and in the Parliament which reviews the cost and conduct of that body. We are quick to admit the force of the argument that inasmuch as the colonies are advantaged by the Imperial navy, they ought not to be entirely free from

FINANCIAL OBLIGATION.

The fact that our share in the Empire is so essentially constructive, strengthens, if possible, the position on which great issues have before now been fought, with only one ending—that the people who provide the money shall absolutely control the spending of it. When the House of Lords controls money bills, and the Australian budget is revised in Whitehall, we shall no doubt receive gladly the idea that the Canadian people be taxed for the Imperial navy. We have read enough of English history, and have had enough experience of our own, to know that the lynch-pin of self government is this absolute control of taxes by the taxed.

Nor is it conceivable that Canada would desire to borrow or purchase vessels that have "obsoleted" from first-class service in the Imperial squadrons. It has been suggested, and endorsed in The Times, that the Admiralty should lend us two or three obsolete vessels for policing our fisheries, as the first step in the discharge of Canada's duty to the naval development of the Empire. It is unwise to be contemptuous of small beginnings; and much may be said for the scheme of obtaining a few sea policemen that are too small or too slow for active service with, say, the Channel Squadron. But, if we are to deal with the question at all, we had better begin as though we mean business. To make a debut in second-hand clothes is to be too economical of dignity. We must assist our new citizens to understand that we are partners in the Empire, and not merely one of its poor relations. Where would a couple of poacher-catchers belong? Would they be creatures of the Marine Department, or would a little Admiralty be created for their direction?

THE FIRST CONSIDERATION

in any attempt to realize the naval possibilities of a country that overlooks the Atlantic and Pacific oceans is that it must wear the appearance of a thoroughly Canadian origin. To allow the impression to spread that, primarily, it is the financial stress of England which impose new burdens on our people would jeopardize the movement. In starting a naval policy of our own there is no risk of establishing the idea that we have notions of a naval independence that will approximate to Holland or Greece. Our neighbors are rapidly emerging from the supposition that we are in a state of vassalage to England. By inaugurating a navy of our own, we should enhance the prestige of the Empire in the Republic; first, because it would be obvious that only in a truly great Empire could there be such inter-independence of parts with the complete acquiescence of the original power; and secondly, the establishment of a navy on a thoroughly Canadian basis, but ready to act with and for the Mother Country, would be a standing sign of our contentment within the Empire, and an effectual proof of the futility of supposing that the relation could be broken.

We muse develop the naval spirit. We must begin by training our youth within sight of our shores, rather than by looking for poachers on the high seas. For maritime activity there is a natural, healthy craving in all nations. No one is so foolish as to suppose that Canada would ever dream of a navy finally, regardless of Great Britain. Every discerning man would perceive that, whatever Canada did, would be merely an evidence of the strength of decentralization in an Imperial Government, based absolutely on the will of the governed.

Our maritime assets, so to speak, are three—the Atlantic seaboard, the Pacific seaboard, and the Great Lakes. Hitherto, our defensive instincts have been served only by the militia. In view of the distribution of our population, I suspect that we have more drill halls and armories that England has. But it is anomalous that, with our great coast line in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and far Eastern Quebec, our young fellows, to whom sea legs come by nature, should be compelled into the militia, when their choice would be the marines.

The population of the interior should chiefly supply the militia force. But there is enough blood in the country which first came here in sailors to furnish a naval contingent—even if our many rivers and innumerable lakes did not swarm in summer with all kinds of pleasure craft, which promote a love of life afloat.

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VINEGAR WHIPPING.

Is Latest Cure for Nervous Troubles in Paris.

One of the latest medical "cures" in Paris for people suffering from various forms of nervous maladies is called vinegar thrashing or flicking.

At least two medical men in the "Gay City" are now treating patients by this extraordinary new process, and it is claimed that some marvellous cures have been effected.

It is claimed that "vinegar flicking" produces the most beneficial and rapid results, completely curing cases of nervous debility and nervous prostration and most other forms of nervous diseases. The methods of the "flicker" are as follows:

The patient is sent into a dark room and made to strip, whereupon the doctor, armed with a long, rough towel, steeped in vinegar, proceeds to thrash the patient all over the body, constantly redipping the towel in the vinegar.

As may be imagined, the process is the reverse of pleasant, and constitutes—especially with delicate skins—a particularly refined form of torture. At the end of about ten minutes the most social subject is forced to cry out that he has had enough.

The treatment is accordingly stopped immediately. The patient is then vigorously rubbed, and after being clothed in a bath robe is ironed all over with hot irons.

CLOCK MADE HIM ILL.

A Bavarian peasant named Steinbacher is lying in a hospital suffering from acute nervous prostration, brought about by a clock. A few months ago this peasant bought an alarm clock, and he was so anxious about it that he sat up every night for two months to see if it would go off properly. The result and los of sleep brought him to the hospital; at least, this is a story that is going the rounds of European papers.

The Home

THE HOME MILLINER.

By adding a little pearlash to a soap lather, faded ribbons placed in will be restored to their natural color. Faded breaths of slik can be restored if treated in the same manner.

Most people press ribbons with an iron. This leaves them with a stiff starchy gloss and also wears ribbon. Instead of the iron light the lamp and when the chimney is hot take both hands and draw ribbon over the chimney. It will look new and it leaves a silky appearance.

To Remodel Shape.—Take the straw hat, remove the wire support (if any) and soak the whole hat in water until thoroughly drenched. If the new drooping model is desired, invert a large wooden chop bowl, stretch the wet wet hat over it, pulling the brim down on all sides, and allow it to remain there until perfectly dry.

How to Color Straw Hats.—Color old straw hats with oil painting. Select the color, mix same as for painting, add enough gasoline to thin. Dip material in the dye several times. Dry quickly (but not near an open fire). These oil painting dyes leave a silk finish and are beautiful.

When packing a hat for travelling, place the hat flat in hatbox. If it be the mushrooom type stuff with paper. Take a needle and thread and sew the edge of rim to bottom of the box and the task is complete. The baggagemaster might throw your trunk across the platform, but your hat will remain intact, not a ribbon, flower, or foliage will be crushed.

To Renew old Velvet.—Get a flat-iron hot, have some one hold it, or place it on something with large side up, as you will need both hands to hold the velvet. Place a wet cloth over the iron, hold the velvet over the steam, brushing with a nice soft brush. This will take out every crease and make the velvet look like new. This certainly is fine.

How to Dye Flowers.—If any one has flowers of any kind they can be restored to their original color or made some other shade by taking as much dye as the color desired and dissolving the same in a small dish of cold water. Now take an old tooth brush and touch up the petals of the flowers. To ascertain the desired shade, just take a piece of old muslin and touch the brush up and down a few strokes, and if a deeper pink is desired put a little more dye in the dish.

How to Clean Ostrich Plumes.—Lay tips on clean cloth, make a suds of warm water and a white soap, then with a tooth brush rub the fibers well. Rinse in clean water. Then tie a string to quill end and hang near stove; while wet comb with small end of comb. Now take a knife or scissors and take a few feathers at a time; with a quick, curling motion they will dry and curl easily. The feathers will look like new.

SAVORY MEAT RECIPES.

Minced Veal.—Cut up cold roast veal into tiny cubes, about half an inch in size. After removing the cold fat which has formed on the gravy left from the roast, add the gravy, little pepper and salt, freely minced, yellow peel from one lemon, and cold water sufficient to make a juicy dish, to the meat. Put al in the stew pan, and boil about five minutes. Garnish in deep dish with triangles of toast set around the edges.

Spiced Loin of Lamb.—Two and one-half pounds loin of lamb; bone it, split the tenderloin; chop an onion, some salt, pepper, cloves. Lay meat out flat. Put tenderloin and seasoning on. Roll and sew with cord very tight. Put a brine of salt water, salt enough to bear an egg, with half teaspoon of saltpeter, for two days. Then boil in fresh cold water one and three-quarters hours. Put under heavy weight till cold. Make soup of water meat is boiled in. Boil one can of peas in same water, then strain. Boil one each carrot, leek, and celery. Slice same and put with strained soup.

Jellied Tongue.—Two fresh tongues. Wash well and let be in boiling hot water five minutes. Pour it off and cover again with boiling water. Let cook slow. When tender put in a crock and pour the liquor over them, and let stand over night. Place a weight on them. Have two quarts of liquor, one of tongue, and one of veal. Get a 15 cent veal soup bone, cook the same day as tongue, strain both through a strainer, and then strain again through cheesecloth. The stock will be as clear as water. Next morning cut the tongue in small pieces and add half a box of gelatin with the liquor.

Chicken Pie.—Boil a chicken until it falls from the bones, then put in a deep pan. Make a sauce of three tablespoonfuls of butter rubbed into three of flour, a cup of cream or milk, and three quarts of warm chicken stock. Cook this until smooth and thick, then pour over the chicken in the pan. Make a crust of two cups of flour, two teaspoonfuls of shortening, one egg, beaten light, and a cup of milk. Mix well, and with a spoon spread it over the top of the contents of the pan. Bake in a quick oven.

CURTAIN CHAT.

To Bleach Curtains.—To bleach, take a few tansy leaves, put them in a bag, and boil with them. Either fresh or dry tansy.

A good way to launder net curtains with ruffle after they are starched, put through wringer, then iron ruffle, and then stretch the net part on a stretcher.

Curtains Blowing Against Screens.—Screen time will soon be here. To prevent curtains from blowing against them and getting soiled, tack a thin wire across the window towards the bottom. Looks better than tape.

When making curtains of any kind make the hem in both ends just alike, so the rod may be run through either end. The stitching does not show and once a month or oftener the curtains may be reversed and they will wear more evenly, for as a rule the sun falls on the lower part of the curtain only. It is quite a saving.

Washing Madras Curtains.—Madras curtains or others that are too old or fine to wash in the regular way may be put into a pillowcase and washed without fear of tearing. There is a dye that may be put into the starch after washing ecru curtains that gives them their natural color back and makes them look like new. This dye comes in tubes and in different colors.

FOR INVALIDS.

Try hot rice water, well cooked, for sick stomach or bowel trouble.

Chicken Broth.—Chicken broth allowed to simmer until there is about a pint, then cooled and taken in jelly form, cold, is quite acceptable and nourishing.

How to Cook Steak.—Get a round steak, cut thick, drop into a hot frying pan, just searing it over; then take a wire potato masher and get out all the juice or blood that you can; season with salt and pepper. Just a little may be given at a time; it is nourishing.

WHEN WE GO TO BED.

Some Medical Men Say Lie on Your Back.

A number of eminent medical men have given their opinion to The Matin of Paris on what they consider the healthiest position for sleep.

Dr. Delorme, Army Medical Inspector, declares that the natural position is to lie flat on one's back. Professor Debone and Dr. Daveniere, of the School of Hygiene, are of the same opinion, and point out that lying on either side causes pressure of the arm which may eventually bring about paralysis.

Dr. Landouzy of the Medical Faculty, says that the best position is the most comfortable position, and this is acquired by habit. It would be well, however, to accustom oneself to sleep on the right side. Dr. Letulle, of the Medical Academy, maintains emphatically that one should always lie on the right side, and thus avoid indigestion and heart troubles.

In startling contradiction comes a statement from the heart specialist, Dr. Huchar: "I always sleep on my left side, and I think it is quite immaterial whether you lie on your left or right side The idea, however, that those who cannot lie on the left side suffer from heart affection is quite erroneous."

BOGUS MISSING LINKS.

Several Have Been Exhibited in Various Countries.

The so-called "missing link" which has been exhibiting at Berlin, Vienna, and elsewhere on the Continent, turns out, as might have been expected, to be a fraud. That is to say, instead of its being a something between a human being and a monkey, it is just an ordinary negro baby whose body is covered with hair—a somewhat curious freak of Nature, but one which is not particularly uncommon.

It is strange, by the way, how this queer imposture crops up again and again. Not more than a year or so after Darwin's "Descent of Man" first appeared, a "missing link" turned up in New York, and

AN ANTI-TEETOTAL CHURCH.

The Rev. Fred. Kurtz, of Baltimore, formerly a Lutheran priest, has organized a church of a new dispensation. It is composed of about 10 liquor dealers, and uses a ritual similar to that of the Episcopalians. The affiliated dram-shop keepers support the church of Kurtz to aid the liquor interest and oppose adverse legislation.

THIS IS A BORE.

You ask me what a bore is?
I'll tell you who is such;
The man who knows too little,
The man who knows too much.

The population of the continent is divided per square mile as follows: Europe, 107; Asia, 57; North America, 17; Africa, 11; South America $6\frac{1}{2}$; Australia, $1\frac{1}{8}$.

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PERSONALS.

Rev. W. and Mrs. Johnston of Warkworth are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Montgomery.

Rev. B. F. Byers is in Wellington this week attending the Bay of Quinte Clerical Union meetings.

The Women's edition of the Montreal Daily Witness, issued on Saturday last, was an immense paper of 58 pages, with colored cover pages, and well illustrated. The contents showed that the women can get up a good paper, and one that is a credit to them. The proceeds of the edition were for playgrounds for the children of the city.

Letter of Condolence

To MRS. JAS. COONEY, Stirling, Ont.

We, the officers and members of Royal Black Preceptory No. 505 Stirling, hereby beg to extend to you our most sincere and heart-felt sympathy in your sad bereavement. While we feel deeply the loss of an honored and beloved Sir Knight, who was true and loyal to his King and country, and ever ready to defend them, we especially lament the loss of his co-operation with us in the promotion of his, and our, Orange principles. We know and to some extent realize that mere expressions of sympathy cannot do much towards the alleviation of the poignancy of grief incident to bereavement, unless it be accompanied by an answer to the prayer that the Giver of every good and perfect gift will be a husband to the widow. In conclusion dear friend, we acknowledge it to be our bounden duty to be diligent in our supplications to the the supreme Architect of the universe that He will so guide and govern you and us in this transitory life that we may always be ready to enter the Celestial Grand Chapter, where peace, love, and harmony reign supreme.

Signed on behalf of the Preceptory,
THOS. MONTGOMERY, W. Preceptor.
E. A. MORROW, D. Preceptor.
G. W. ANDERSON, Treasurer.
THOS. W. DONNAN, Registrar.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. John Arthurs and her daughter, Mrs. Jones, wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation of the self-sacrificing kindness of those who, by their presence and sympathetic help, assisted them on the occasion of the illness and death of Mr. Arthurs.

Card of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson desire to thank their friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the recent illness of their daughter; and also to thank Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hogle, Trenton, at whose residence she was when death took place.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. P. McC. Dingwall and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hanna wish by this means to express their thanks to the friends and neighbors, and to the members of the Camp of W. O. W., for their sympathetic kindness and helpfulness at the time of the death of the late Mr. Dingwall.

Mrs. H. S. Ferguson wishes to most heartily thank all who so ably assisted in extinguishing the fire which occurred at her residence on Thursday morning last, also to express her gratitude to those who so generously rendered assistance and opened their homes to her and her family after the fire. She specially wishes to thank and compliment the firemen, whose promptness, energy and excellent judgment saved her home from destruction.

If your stomach, heart or kidneys are weak, try at least, a few doses of Dr. Shoop's Restorative. In five or ten days only, the result will surprise you. A few cents will cover the cost. And here is why help comes so quickly. Dr. Shoop doesn't drug the stomach, nor stimulate the heart or kidneys. Dr. Shoop's Restorative goes directly to the weak and failing nerves. Each organ has its own controlling nerve. When these nerves fail, the depending organs must of necessity falter. This plain, yet vital truth, clearly tells us why Dr. Shoop's Restorative is so universally successful. Its success is leading druggists everywere to give it universal preference. A test will surely tell. Sold by J. S. Morton.

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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.
Trains call at Stirling station as follows:—

GOING WEST.	GOING EAST.
Mail & Ex...6.03 a.m.	Passenger..10.27 a.m
Passenger...6.45 p.m.	Mail & Ex. 3.41 p.m

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1909.

LOCAL MATTERS.

The Public Schools will close for the summer vacation on June 30th.

The firemen are requested to turn out for practice on Friday evening.

St. Andrew's Reading and Game Room will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday May 24th.

New Neckwear just in for the 24th, at FRED WARD'S.

At the Stirling Cheese Board on Tuesday 420 boxes of cheese were offered. All were sold at 12c. to Lovell & Christmas of Montreal.

Mr. C. Moore, principal of the Madoc Public School, has been appointed entrance examiner here, and Mr. E. T. Williams will perform similar duties at Madoc.

The Madoc Review says: "Wednesday, 25th of August has been fixed by the Sons of Scotland of this district for the holding of their annual Gathering o' the Clans in Madoc."

Have you bought your fixin's for the 24th. Men's specials at FRED WARD'S.

From the Madoc Review we clip the following item: "The wedding of Captain D. R. Green of the 49th Regiment, H. R., and Miss Helen Tulloch, of Stirling, will take place on the 25th inst."

There is every prospect of an immense gathering here on Monday next, Victoria Day. The Review says that "every livery rig in Madoc has been engaged to go to Stirling for the 24th of May celebration," and similar reports come from other places.

Mr. W. J. Graham informs us that the statement in last week's issue that the Council had purchased the foundry building was not exactly correct. It is only the east half that they have purchased, and Mr. Graham retains the west half as an implement warehouse.

Get the habit,–Dress up at FRED WARD'S.

The annual meetings of the Farmers' Institutes for this county will be held as follows: West Huntingdon at Wallbridge on June 4th; East Hastings at Roslin on June 15th; North Hastings at Madoc, on June 15th. At all these meetings speakers from a distance will give addresses.

The summer series of Women's Institute meetings for this district will be held as follows: Tweed, May 31st; Roslin, June 1st; Foxboro, June 2nd; Melrose, June 3rd; Con. 2, Sidney, June 19th; Con. 5, Sidney, June 21st; Queensboro, June 22nd; Eldorado, June 23rd; Springbrook, June 24th; Wellman's Corners, June 25th. Good speakers have been arranged for to address these meetings.

Would it not be well in sprinkling our streets if the water were closed off in passing over the street crossings? As at present they are in a muddy condition. It is very disagreeable to the ladies to have to wade through mud and soon means ruined skirts. To the merchants it would mean cleaner stores, while to the street sprinkler it would save water, which would easily compensate for the little extra trouble caused.

The annual meeting of the ministers and lay delegates of Campbellford district of the Methodist church was held in the Methodist church here on Tuesday and Wednesday, the chairman, Rev. Wm. Johnston, presiding. The reports from the various circuits showed progress along all lines. Rev. W. D. Harrison was appointed to the Stationing Committee, which meets in Belleville on May 31st, the Conference opening in that city on June 2nd.

The 23rd annual meeting of the Kingston Presbyterial Women's Foreign Missionary Society will be held in St. Andrew's church on Wednesday and and Thursday, May 26th and 27th, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Thursday at 10 a.m., 3 and 8 p.m. Addresses will be given by Mrs. Goforth, Honan, China; Mrs. Binnie, Tweed; Mrs. Smith, Burnbrae; Mrs. Monds, Carleton Place; Mrs. Allan, Mississippi; Mrs. Worrell, Picton; Miss Hume, Burnbrae; and Miss Whytock, Madoc, assisted by Mrs. Binnie, Tweed, and Mrs. F. A. Robinson will give a Mission Band exercise. Ladies will be welcome at all the sessions. The Thursday evening meeting will be open to all, and will be addressed by Rev. J. Goforth, Honan, China. Rev. R. P. Byers, M. A., chairman. About forty delegates are expected to attend.

Court Graham, No. 1266, I. O. F.

All members of this Court are requested to be present at the next regular meeting on Friday evening, May 21st, at 8 o'clock, in their lodge room (over Anderson's store) as business of special interest to members is to be transacted.

JOHN T. SCOTT, R.S.

After all, it is not what we know, but what we would like to know, what our interest goes out to, that stamps us.

Come to Stirling on Monday!

Monday, May 24th, promises to be the biggest day that Stirling has ever seen and those who visit the town on that occasion are assured of the best entertainments that has ever been offered a holiday crowd in this district for many years.

The arrangements are now complete and by Saturday night the town will have put on its gala attire, the result of the decorative art of J. J. Turner & Sons of Peterboro.

At nine o'clock on Monday morning the fun will be in full swing, as both Frankford and Foxboro bands are scheduled to be on duty at that hour. The calithumpian procession is to form at 10 o'clock around Boldrick's mill, march to the station to meet the east-bound train, and thence to the grounds where a baseball match between two of the best teams in the district will be played.

At one o'clock the procession will again form, and after making a tour of the town will proceed to the grounds where the competing schools will parade before the grand stand, and be awarded prizes by competent judges, who will be chosen from the visiting old boys.

The Marathon race will start at 1.30 o'clock, and already runners from Deseronto, Belleville, Trenton, Campbellford and Marmora have signified their intention of competing.

At 2.45 o'clock the horse races will begin, and at 3.30 the lacrosse match between the old rivals, Madoc and Marmora, will be played. The mile race, 100 yard dash, fat men's race, together with all other Caledonian games will be run off between the times allowed for other sports. The field proceedings will close with a tug of-war between Rawdon and Huntingdon, while Sidney is to pull against the winners, and another between the Old Boys and the Home Boys. At six o'clock the Volunteer Fire Brigade will give a demonstration down town.

The Old Boys will register at the Masonic Hall, which will be their headquarters, and between five and seven o'clock an official reception will be given them by the citizens of the town.

The concert in the evening will be especially entertaining, as Mr. Wilson comes most highly recommended. A plan of the hall may be found at J. S. Morton's drug store.

The Bank of Montreal

Removed to Their New Premises on the Bank Corner

The Bank of Montreal, whose building was consumed along with the many others in the disastrous conflagration of August 9th last year, and who have since been occupying temporary offices in the east end of the Moon House block removed to their new building on the Bank Corner on Tuesday evening of this week.

We visited their new office yesterday and together with several others were shown through it. The fixtures are made of rich, highly polished, dark-stained ash, and present an artistic and substantial appearance. The floors throughout the building are of polished hardwood, finished in wax. The walls in the office are tinted in pea green, shading into a sky blue on the ceiling, and the grills, radiators, kick plates, locks, and lighting fixtures are all brass, making a general effect which speaks well for both architects and builders.

A particularly striking feature is the splendid light, and the leaded glass skylight is especially worthy of notice.

The vault which stood the fire so well has been strengthened by an extra layer of fire-proof brick and a cement top, reinforced by steel bars, while inside is placed a cash safe which has all the latest improvements to foil the most expert burglar.

The up-stair apartments are not yet completed, but are cleverly planned and will make a charming flat when furnished.

Every effort appears to have been made by the Bank to erect a building in keeping with the reputation of the institution and creditable to our town.

On Thursday, May 13th, the Lord Bishop of the diocese of Ontario paid an official visit to the parish of Stirling for the purpose of extending the rite of confimation to eleven candidates, five males and six females. Bishop Mills being always a favorite here, drew a large gathering in St. John's church. His address to the candidates was very pleasing, setting forth to the newly confirmed young people their duty to the world, and especially to the advancement of their own spiritual life as an example to others, youth being the best time to promote usefulness and spirituality in everyday life.

Mr. A. Beall, Peterboro, spoke in the Methodist church on Sunday last in the interests of the White Cross work in connection with the Ontario W. C. T. U. Mr. Beall is a good speaker with a good subject, and presents his thoughts in a manner helpful to both old and young. He urged upon parents and guardians the importance of truthfully answering the questions of children regarding those things which are mysteries to them, instead of leaving them to learn in an improper way from street and school companions. Intelligent purity is superior to blind innocence in such matters. As the living temple of God the body should be kept clean from the defilements of alcohol and tobacco, and "clean" in the highest moral sense. Mr. Beall is doing a good work among the school children and young people of Ontario as a Knight of the White Cross work.

Obituary

JOHN C. ARTHURS

After an illness of several weeks one of our oldest citizens passed away on Sunday last, in the person of Mr. John C. Arthurs. He was born in the County of Monaghan, Ireland, on Feb. 29, 1831, and with his parents came to this country when seven years of age, landing at Kingston, where he lived for many years. There he was married to Mary Alexander of that city in 1863, and to them two children were born, both of whom are dead, one, James Alexander, having died only about a year ago.

About forty years ago Mr. Arthurs came to Stirling, where he resided until his death. His first wife having died, he was married in May, 1879, to Annie Collins, who survives him. There were no children by the second marriage, but they took an adopted daughter, Hattie, who was married a few years years since to Mr. W. G. Jones and now resides at Merritton, Ont.

Mr. Arthurs had been for many years a respected and consistent member of the Methodist church and the funeral service was held there on Tuesday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. L. Phelps, and Rev. Wm. Johnston of Warkworth, a former pastor of this circuit, both of whom paid loving tribute to the Christian character of the deceased. The service was largely attended by friends and acquaintances as well as by members of the Orange Order, of which he was a member, and under whose auspices the funeral was conducted.

MRS. SARNH SINE

The death took place on Sunday last of Mrs. Sarah Sine, relict of the late Silas Sine of Rawdon, at the ripe age of 81 years and 8 months. She, with her late husband, was one of the old settlers of Rawdon township, and was most highly respected. She leaves to mourn her departure two sons, Dr. M. W., and W. T. Sine, well-known residents of Rawdon, as well as numerous relatives and acquaintances. The funeral took place on Wednesday, service being conducted at the residence of Mr. W. T. Sine, where she had spent her last days. Her remains were interred in Stirling cemetery.

MARJORIE WILSON

Marjorie, daughter of Mr. John C. Wilson of Rawdon, passed away at Trenton on Sunday morning, May 16th, at the age of nine years. She had been a sufferer for some weeks from a painful disease, which she bore with cheerful patience. A child of singularly sweet and cheerful disposition, she endeared herself to all in her short life, and her bereaved parents have much sympathy.

The funeral service was held in Bethel church on Tuesday afternoon, and interment was made in Stirling cemetery.

Births

SMITH—At Anson, on Tuesday, May 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Smith, a daughter.

REID—At Elmhurst, on May 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Reid, a daughter.

Married

OSBORNE—KETCHESON—On May 19th, at West Huntingdon parsonage, by Rev. G. E. Ross, Mr. John Osborne of Rawdon, to Miss Charlotte Ketcheson of Stirling.

Died

ARTHURS—In Stirling, on May 16th, John Clark Arthurs, aged 78 years and 2 months.

SINE—At Sine, on May 16th, Sarah Sine, relict of the late Silas Sine, aged 81 years, 8 months and 16 days.

WILSON—In Trenton, on May 16th, Marjorie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson of Rawdon, aged 9 years, 5 months and 18 days.

CASSIDY—In Rawdon, on May 11th, A. Cassidy, son of Mr. James Cassidy, aged 17 years, 2 months and 11 days.

Dressmaking

Ladies' wishing Dressmaking done on short notice, call on
MRS. STEWART,
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Recruits Wanted

For Stirling Company, 49th Regiment, to go to camp at Kingston on June 15th. Apply to MAJOR T. H. MCKEE, or to
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Beautiful White Blouses, in Nets, Muslins and Mulls.
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INFANT KILLED BY A RAT

Child's Father Saw a Large Rodent Leap From the Cradle.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Death as the result of the bite of a rat was the sad fate of little Eugene Jambeau, the 9-days-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jambeau, of 134 Besserer Street, on Thursday morning, after having been severely bitten on the hand by a large grey rat. The infant developed blood-poisoning. The baby had slept in its carriage in the same room as its parents for several nights, and on Friday night last this was also the case. Mrs. Jambeau retired about 1 o'clock, her husband being already asleep. At 2 o'clock she was awakened by the sound of the baby's cry, and aroused her husband. On jumping out of bed he saw a large grey rat leap from the carriage to the floor, and escape in spite of his attempts to kill it. The baby was found with its left had covered with blood from seven bites on the inside of the palm. Medical assistance was summoned, and an antiseptic applied, but blood poisoning soon set in, and the infant grew rapidly worse, until death ensued.

PRAIRIE PROVINCES SHAKEN

Earthquake Around Moose Jaw Sufficient to Move Buildings.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: A thirty-second earthquake tremor, reaching from Winnipeg to the mountains, was distinctly felt on Saturday evening at 10 o'clock. While in Winnipeg the shock was so slight as to be observed by few, it was so heavy around Moose Jaw as to move buildings and rattle glass. This is the first time in the history of the prairies that an earthquake was ever felt. Wetaskiwin, Alberta, on the west, Weyburn, Sask., on the south, Prince Albert, on the north, and Kenora on the east, was the scope of the quake.

HEAVY SHOCK AT MOOSE JAW.

A despatch from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, says: A very distinct earthquake shock was felt here at 9.16 Saturday night. The shock lasted 35 seconds. The tremor was felt all over the city and district. People rushed from residences and stores in terror. Buildings were moved perceptibly. Several people in the upper storeys were knocked off their feet. The first impression was that a violent explosion had occurred. The tremor was preceded by a loud rumbling sound. People here from places where earthquakes are more or less common say this was one of the most distinct shocks they ever experienced.

WAS FELT IN MONTANA.

A despatch from Great Falls, Mont., says: A distinct earthquake shock was felt here on Saturday night at 9.15 o'clock and it was also felt at Choteau, Havre, Wagner and other points, showing that it prevailed generally over northern Montana. While no serious damage was done, the shock was sufficient to spill articles from shelves in stores and cause breakages of glassware.

ENGINE SMASHED BY A ROCK.

Accident to Express on Kippewa Branch of the C. P. R.

A despatch from North Bay says: A dangerous accident occurred on Wednesday on the Kippewa branch of the C. P. R. between Mattawa and Kippewa. The railway runs north from Mattawa to the foot of Lake Temiskaming, and winds its way through the Laurentians, along narrow ledges far above the Ottawa River, and through many huge rock cuttings. As the passenger train north, heavily laden, was passing through a particularly dangerous section, where the roadbed clings to the mountainside, with the river many feet below, a five-ton rock crashed down the declivity, striking and smashing the locomotive, but fortunately not forcing the train over the precipice into the rocky canyon. The passengers were severely shaken up by the sudden stop, but not seriously injured. So tightly was the engine wedged by the immense rock that dynamite had to be utilized to clear the wreckage.

A SMALL ASYLUM.

Ten Insane Persons Now Confined in Orangeville Jail.

A despatch from Orangeville says: The colony of lunatics at present confined in the county jail here, numbering nine, was increased on Wednesday evening by the arrival of John Carr of the township of Allaranth. Carr arrived on the evening train in charge of Constable Laverty of Shelburne, having been committed as a dangerous lunatic by George Rutherford, Police Magistrate of that village. Carr is a farmer, aged about thirty-five, and will be medically examined as soon as possible. The authorities are determined to round up such people as are a menace to the community.

ROSS BECKSTEAD SHOT.

Boys Were Annoying Isaac Garlough, Who Fired.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Ross Beckstead, aged eighteen, was shot and instantly killed at McMillan's Mill, about four miles from Chesterville, at 9 o'clock on Thursday night. Isaac Garlough, aged forty, lies in the local jail awaiting the action of the Cororer's jury. The body of Beckstead was not discovered until 8 o'clock on Friday morning, when John Elia, a passing farmer, found it in the corner of a field by the roadside. Garlough acknowledged having fired off his shotgun to frighten some boys who were bothering him by firing stones at his house about 9 o'clock on Thursday night, and it is thought this shot must have killed Beckstead, as his face was hit and buckshot wounds were in the head.

WOMAN HURLED TO DEATH.

Mrs. Swain Killed While Walking at Oil Springs.

A despatch from Oil Springs, Ont., says: Mrs. Richard Swain, a resident of Oil City, was almost instantly killed and her niece, Miss Josie Truan, of this village, was injured here about 5.30 on Sunday afternoon in a very peculiar manner. They were on the way to the station, when a severe storm came up and, picking up the sidewalk on which they were walking, hurled it across the street into a deep ditch on the opposite side. The ladies were carried with it, the sidewalk striking Mrs. Swain on the head and crushing her skull. Miss Truan was not seriously injured.

The reports of the slaughter of Christians in Asia Minor have been greatly exaggerated. Probably not more than ten thousand have been slain.

TUNISIAN DAMAGED BY ICE

Third Accident to Allan Liners Since the Opening of Navigation.

A despatch from Montreal says: A marconigram was on Thursday received by the Allan Line from Captain Fairfull of the Tunisian, stating that that vessel had suffered an accident almost similar to that which recently befell the Lake Champlain, and that he had been compelled to put into St. John's, Newfoundland, for safety. The Tunisian, while steaming slowly, inward-bound, through heavy field ice, struck an unusually heavy mass and started a plate under her forepeak. The broken plate caused quite a heavy leak, and Captain Fairfull considered it his duty to head at once for St. John's, which was only sixty miles distant. The vessel will be overhauled there, and if it is found that she has sustained serious injuries the passengers will be forwarded from St. John's across Newfoundland to Port Basque by rail, thence by the Reid Newfoundland Company's boats to Sydney, where they will be taken by special trains to St. John, N.B., and Montreal. If the Tunisian has to go into dry dock the passengers booked for her sailing from Montreal on the 21st instant will be transferred to another of the Allan boats. This is the third accident the Allan boats have suffered since the opening of navigation, the Corinthian and Siberian having both met with mishaps.

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Dairy Produce at

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, May 18.—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents $5.15 to $5.25 to-day in buyers' sacks outside for export; on track, Toronto, $5.40 to $5.50. Manitoba flour; first patents, $6.20 to $6.40 on track, Toronto; second patents, $5.70 to $5.80, and strong bakers', $5.50 to $5.60, on track, Toronto.

Wheat—No. 1 Northern, May delivery, $1.27, Bay ports; No. 2, $1.24½ and No. 3, $1.23.

Ontario wheat—$1.25 to $1.28 for No. 2, according to location and demand.

Barley—No. 3 extra 60 to 61c outside, and No. 3 58c outside.

Oats—Ontario No. 2. 48½c on track, Toronto, and 46 to 47c outside; No. 2 Western Canada 49c. and No. 3 48c, Bay ports.

Peas—No 2, 95 to 96c outside.

Rye—No. 2, 74 to 75c outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 62 to 64c outside.

Corn No. 2 American yellow 81½c on track, Toronto, and No. 2 at 80½c on track, Toronto; Canadian yellow, 76c on track, Toronto.

Bran—Manitoba $23.50 in sacks, Toronto freights; shorts, $24.50 to $25, Toronto freights.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples $4 to $5 for choice qualities, and $3 to $3.50 for seconds.

Beans—Prime, $1.90 to $2, and hand-picked, $2.10 to $2.15 per bushel.

Honey—Combs, $2 to $2.75 per dozen, and strained, 10 to 11c per pound.

Maple syrup—95c to $1 a gallon.

Hay—No. 1 timothy $13 to $13.50 a ton on track here, and lower grades, $11 to $11.50 a ton.

Straw—$7.50 to $8 on track.

Potatoes—Car lots, 90c per bag on track. Delawares, $1.10 to $1.15.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 16 to 18c per lb; fowl, 12 to 14c; turkeys, 20 to 22c per lb.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 20 to 22c; tubs and large rolls, 16 to 18c; inferior, 14 to 15c; creamery rolls, 23 to 25c, and solids, 19 to 20c.

Eggs—Case lots 19c per dozen.

Cheese—Large cheese, old, 14 to 14¼c per lb. and twins, 14¼ to 14½c; new cheese, dull at 12¼ to 12½c.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon long clear, 13 to 13½c per lb in case lots; mess pork $21 to $21.50; short cut, $23 to $24.

Hams—Light to medium, 14 to 15c; do., heavy, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 11½ to 11¾c; shoulders, 10¾ to 11c; backs 17 to 17½c; breakfast bacon, 15½ to 16c.

Lard—Tierces, 13¼c; tubs, 13½c; pails, 13¾c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, May 18.—Peas—No. 2, $1.05 to $1.06. Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, 52½ to 53c; extra, No. 1 feed, 51½ to 52c; No. 1 feed, 51 to 51½c. Barley—No. 2, 70 to 72c; Manitoba feed, 60 to 60½c. Buckwheat—69½ to 70c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, $6.30; Manitoba Spring wheat, patents, seconds, $5.80; Manitoba strong bakers, $5.60; Winter wheat patents $6.15 to $6.25; straight rollers, $6 to $6.10; straight rollers, in bags, 2.90 to $3; extra, in bags, $2.50 to $2.60. Feed—Manitoba bran, $22 to $23; Manitoba shorts, $24 to $25; Ontario bran, $23 to $24; Ontario shorts, $24.50 to $25; Ontario middlings, $25 to $25.50; pure grain mouillie, $33 to $35; mixed mouillie, $28 to $30. Cheese—12¼ to 12⅜c, and easterns at 12 to 12¼c. Butter—21½ to 22c. Eggs 19 to 19½c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS

Chicago, May 18.—Wheat — No. 2 red, $1.45; No. 3 red, $1.30 to $1.42; No. 2 hard, $1.28 to $1.35; No. 3 hard, $1.24 to $1.30; No. 1 Northern, $1.28 to $1.30; No. 2 Northern, $1.26 to $1.29; No. 3 Spring, $1.24 to $1.28. Corn — No. 2, 75 to 76c; No. 2 yellow, 75¾ to 76; No. 3, 75 to 75¾c; No. 3 white, 75¾ to 76c; No. 3 yellow, 75½ to 76c; No. 4, 74 to 74½c. Oats — No. 2 white, 59¼ to 59¾c; No. 3 white, 58¼ to 59½c; No. 4 white, 54 to 58½c; standard, 59 to 59½c.

Minneapolis, May 18.—Wheat — May, $1.26; July, $1.24¾; Sept., $1.07⅝; cash, No. 1 hard, $1.28⅝ to $1.29¼; No. 1 Northern, $1.27⅝ to $1.28¼; No. 2 Northern, $1.25⅝ to $1.26¼; No. 3 Northern, $1.23⅝ to $1.25¼. Flour—First patents, $6.10 to $6.30; second patents, $6 to $6.20; first clears, $4.75 to $4.95; second clears, $3.35 to $3.55. Bran—In bulk, $24 to $24.50.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, May 18.—A large proportion of the butchers' cattle were milkmen's strippers, which sold at from 3½ to 4¾c per pound, prime beeves sold at 5¼ to a little over 6c; pretty good animals, 4½ to 5½c; common stock, 3 to 4¼c per pound. Milch cows, $30 to over $60 each. Calves, $2 to $8 each, pretty good lots, $4 to $5 per head. Sheep sold at 5 to near 6c per pound; lambs at $3.50 to $6 each. Good lots of fat hogs at about 8¼c per pound.

Toronto, May 18.—There was an abundant supply of choice cattle in both export and butchers' classes, which sold readily at top-notch prices. One very fine bunch of nine export steers realized $6.25, and several loads sold at $6 and over. Choice butchers' cattle sold firm at $5.25 to $5.50, and heavy cows at $5. Stockers and feeders were in strong demand. Milkers and springers strong, except for common stock, which are not wanted. Calves steady and unchanged. Sheep and lambs dearer. Hogs—Strong demand; selects are quoted at $7.60, fed and watered, and $7.35 f.o.b.

DIFFICULTIES SETTLED.

C. P. R. Mechanics and Company Reach an Agreement.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: It is stated on reliable authority that the difficulties between the C. P. R. and their mechanics have been satisfactorily settled. All the strikers are to be reinstated, and the old wage sohedule restored practically, and old conditions reverted to. O. H. Warl represented the machinists, and H. H. Vaughan the company. While no mention is made, it is understood the men are not returning to their previous standing on the pension roll.

LIGHTED BY WIRELESS.

Four Thousand Lamps Burned Four Hours at Omaha.

A despatch from Omaha says: The Omaha Electrical Show was on Wednesday night lighted by a wireless current. The current came from the Government wireless station, five miles distant from where the show is being held. There were 4,000 incandescent lamps and for four hours the lamps were lighted by the wireless current. The system by which the experiment was made was a discovery by Dr. Frederick Milloner, wireless expert of the Union Pacific Railroad.

BUYING ALBERTA LAND.

A Scotch Commissioner Impressed With the West.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Western Canada has just reaped the first direct benefits of the visit of the Scottish Agricultural Commission last year, one of the commissioners, Mr. J. M. Hodge, having returned and purchased 5,000 acres in southern Alberta, paying therefor $70,00. He is delighted with the land, declaring it to be the richest he has ever seen. This is likely to be followed by a large influx of Scottish capital for investment in land.

WOMAN LIKELY MURDERED.

Her Body Found Under Suspicious Circumstances.

A despatch from Vancouver, B.C., says: Face downwards the body of a well-dressed woman was discovered on Wednesday under a clump of brush in Burnaby. Nothing near affords any clue except the remains of a small fire, wherein paper had been burned and possibly the woman's hat. No person has been missed in New Westminster or vicinity for months. The cause of death is not yet ascertained, but as the clothes are badly torn in places, there is a probability that she met with a violent death during a struggle. The corpse has apparently been exposed to the elements about four months.

RISKED LIFE FOR CHILDREN.

Mother Ran Through Flames of Burning House.

A despatch from Sterling, Manitoba, says: While outside milking her cows, Mrs. Harris Courtney discovered that her house was on fire. Winding her apron over her head the mother pluckily dashed through the fire and saved her four children, who were huddled in an inner room. Mrs. Courtney's hair caught fire and she was badly burned about the head and ears.

FELL ON A CROWBAR.

Farmer Near Ottawa Killed While Aiding a Neighbor.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Coller C. Morgan, a farmer, living near Hazelden, was fatally injured on Wednesday evening, while assisting in the erection of a driving shed for a neighbor. He slipped from a sill, and in falling landed on the sharp end of a crowbar standing upright in the ground. He died a few hours afterwards.

CHILD MUTILATED BY DOG.

Mother Fought the Animal Till Help Arrived.

A despatch from Chatham, Ont., says: Gladys, the six-year-old daughter of Mrs. Frank Schram, was attacked by a large bulldog and severely bitten on Saturday afternoon. Her mother was with her, and fought a desperate battle with the dog before help arrived. The girl was thrown prostrate, and her face, head and arms were mutilated. The dog, which was not suffering from rabies, was shot.

29 MEN BLOWN TO ATOMS

Four Tons of Dynamite Exploded Prematurely Near Albany, N. Y.

A despatch from Albany, N. Y., says: There were 29 men killed shortly before 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, following a premature explosion of dynamite in the Callanan quarries at South Bethlehem, twelve miles south of Albany. There were three injured. All within the explosion zone were instantly killed, and the bodies are unrecognizable. The dead include eight Americans and 21 Italians, the latter not being known by name. All the Americans are residents of the locality. The ten holes for Wednesday's blast were drilled 20 feet back from the face of the bluff, which was 80 feet high. The holes were 76 feet deep, and five inches in diameter. It was to be the biggest blast of all, using over four tons of dynamite. The blast was scheduled for five o'clock in the afternoon, and was expected to dislodge material for 25,000 wagon loads of crushed stone. Those killed had successfully placed the charges in six of the holes, and were working upon the seventh when the shock came. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by a defective cap. The 29 bodies were blown to atoms and scattered all over the quarry. It was half an hour before anyone dared approach the scene, fearing danger from other explosions. As a result of the explosion, fear has seized the 165 Italian laborers employed about the quarry, and many have fled.

APRIL TRADE RETURNS.

Business of the Dominion Shows a Steady Improvement.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Trade returns of the Dominion for April, the first month of the fiscal year, show a continued improvement. The total trade for the month amounted to $34,993,854, an increase of $4,028,267 over April of last year. Imports for the month totalled $22,531,673, an increase of $2,609,078. Exports totalled $11,862,797, an improvement of $1,567,969. The customs duty collected amounted to $3,788,480, being a betterment of $490,739.

ANOTHER OUTBREAK?

Report That Cattle Disease Has Reappeared in Michigan.

A despatch from Windsor, Ont., says: It was reliably reported on Monday night that the foot and mouth disease has again broken out in Michigan. The location of the outbreak is given as Volina Township, in Cass County, about seventy-five miles from Detroit. The Department of Agriculture at Washington have been notified, and will start an immediate investigation.

WHEAT SEEDING COMPLETED.

Crop Report Satisfactory—Weather is Ideal.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: The Canadian Northern crop report issued on Monday is of a most satisfactory character. Wheat seeding is completed, and farmers have put in considerable amount of coarse grains. The weather is all that could be desired for farm work.

GEORGE MEREDITH DEAD.

Well Known Novelist Dies From Heart Disease.

A despatch from London says: George Meredith, the novelist, died on Monday. Mr. Meredith was taken ill last Friday and had become steadily weaker owing to his inability to take food and the feeble action of the heart. His death was immediately due to heart failure.

FIVE YEARS FOR STABBING.

Stiff Sentence Passed on a Prisoner at Belleville.

A despatch from Belleville says: Manual Hannah, a resident of the northern part of Hastings County, was, on Wednesday morning, before Judge Deroche, found guilty of stabbing Louis Saucier and inflicting grievous bodily harm. He was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. He was also convicted of assaulting a man named William Baudry, and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, sentences to run concurrently.

WOMAN CRUSHED BY TRAIN.

Was Crawling Between Cars in Yards at North Bay.

A despatch from North Bay says: Mrs. Benjamin Patterson, a woman of forty, was ground beneath the wheels of a train in the east yards of the C. P. R. on Wednesday night. The Pattersons live beside the tracks and frequently cross the yards. Mrs. Patterson was crawling under a train on a siding when it started. Both of her legs were amputated, and she died on Thursday morning. Four little children are left motherless, as well as a husband out of work. His eighteen-year-old daughter died suddenly two weeks ago.

ABDULS STRONG ROOMS.

Keys Taken By Force From the Deposed Sultan.

A special despatch from Salonika says that Talaat Bey, Vice-President of the Chamber of Deputies, who was sent there to arrange with Abdul Hamid for the transference of his fortunes to the Government, succeeded in obtaining the signature of the former Sultan for the withdrawal of funds from foreign banks, but that Abdul Hamid resolutely refused to deliver up the keys to two iron rooms in the Yildiz Kiosk, which had resisted all efforts at forcible entry. After Talaat Bey's departure, the despatch says, officers of the guard, furious at the ex-Sultan's refusal to comply with the demand, rushed into his room and ordered him to surrender the keys without further parley.

CROPS IN APRIL.

Statement Issued by the Government Census Office.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The census and statistics office issued on Wednesday a statement of crops and live stock for the month of April. Vegetation is later than usual this year, and seeding has been delayed by the weather conditions throughout the Northwest Provinces. Winter wheat at the end of April was uniform in all parts of Ontario and compared with a standard crop it ranks at 76.5 per cent. Hay and clover average 83 per cent. Fodder for stock has been ample, as is denoted by the condition of farm animals. Horses are 92 per cent. of standard, milch cows 88; other horned cattle 84, swine 91, and sheep 85.50 per cent.

The Emperors of Germany and Austria had a lengthy and friendly meeting at Vienna on Friday.

VILLAGES WERE WIPED OUT

Entire District Laid Waste About Marash in the Recent Rioting.

A despatch from Beirut, Turkey, says: The recent rioting in the vicinity of Marash has laid waste that entire district. Marash itself was spared, for only a few persons there were killed, but within sixty miles to the southwest a total of sixteen villages, with a population of 8,000 souls, have been practically wiped out. The only survivors are boys under ten and old women. The girls were carried away and the men killed. Telegraphic reports received on Wednesday declare that the hungry and naked number 14,000. Immediate relief is required. The interior districts are still far from settled, and from all directions the most heart-rending accounts and appeals are being received here.

MUTINEERS EXECUTED.

A despatch from Constantinople says: Constantinople witnessed another batch of executions on Wednesday morning when 24 mutineers of the army and navy were hanged in public within the city limits. This makes a total of 38 executions within the capital since the revolution of April 13. Four of the men on Wednesday were hanged near the Sultan's palace, eight at the marine barracks, eight in the Djinzi Meidan quarters of Stamboul and four at the War Office. It was desired to impress the people with the fact that the guilty had been punished, and had the hangings not been public the people would have thought that the condemned men had saved themselves by bribing officials or that the statement of their execution was nothing more than a political lie.

There are rumors of a rising of Albanians at Uskub, about a hundred miles from Salonika.

THE MYSTERIOUS KEY

OR, PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE.

CHAPTER III.—(Cont'd)

Hastening forward, he was soon standing before the monument, when he was more amazed than ever—almost paralyzed, in fact, as he read the following simple inscription:

"Miriam Harris Brewster. Born October 18, 18—. Died———"

A blank space was left after that last word, plainly showing that the person who had caused the monument to be erected had been in ignorance or doubt as to the dates of the occurrence of the event.

A mighty shock of joy went quivering through Gerald as he stood gazing upon this shaft, which marked the spot where his mother lay, for it proved, beyond question—at least, to him—that the patient, sorrowing little woman had been the lawful wife of Adam Brewster. It also proved him to be the son and heir of the late banker, while he was sure that only the man himself could have been instrumental in erecting this fitting memorial and otherwise beautifying the spot.

It must have been recently done, he judged, for the granite looked comparatively fresh, while it was also evident that orders for the perpetual care of the place had been given to some one, for the grass had been newly cropped.

No ornamentation in the way of shrubbery or flowers had been attempted, but the turf was solid and handsome, and the gravel walk around the place absolutely free from weeds and grass.

Tears of gratitude involuntarily rose to Gerald's eyes, for it was inexpressibly comforting to him to find this sacred spot so attractive—to know that Adam Brewster had, even after years of apparent indifference and neglect, at last done his duty in proclaiming to whoever it might concern that Miriam Harris had been his lawful wife.

He was also very thankful that he had obeyed the impulse which had prompted him to come to the place, instead of returning directly from New Haven to New York, as he had been tempted to do.

After looking about a little, and reading some of the names inscribed upon various headstones, he made a note of the name of the marble-worker, which he had found cut into the pedestal of the monument marking his mother's grave, then retraced his steps to the village, where he sought the sexton and inquired who had fitted up the Winchester lot.

"I don't know, sir," said the man, studying with curious eyes the fine face of the young stranger; "some workmen came here, nigh onto three years ago, and turned the whole lot topsy-turvy. I tried to find out who sent them, but they said they were working for a New York firm, and that's all I ever knew about it. The place never had no kind o' care afore that, but the thing was done up han'some then, and two hundred dollars put in the bank, with orders to have the interest used every year to keep it in shape."

"In whose name was the money deposited?" Gerald inquired.

"Nobody's, sir; it was just left there for the Winchester lot, and I goes and draws the money—eight dollars—at the end of the season. I try to earn it, too, sir," the man concluded, with an anxious gleam in his eyes.

"I am sure you do," said Gerald kindly; "the lot is looking well."

He thanked him for his information, slipped a silver dollar into his hand, then proceeded directly to the station, and was soon on his way back to New York, with a very much lighter heart than he had expected to carry thitherward that morning.

He was still very much mystified regarding those names in the New Haven register, and it seemed to him that it would be very difficult to prove that his mother was the lawful wife, and he the legitimate heir, of Adam Brewster.

True, he had the certificate and wedding-ring, and his own baptismal certificate. There was also that monument bearing the name, "Miriam Harris Brewster."

This latter would be a very strong point if it could be proved that the late banker had authorized the placing of it; but unless such proof was forthcoming, the fact would undoubtedly be regarded as a trick, which any one might have made use of to establish a point; it would never be accepted as positive evidence of a lawful marriage.

Arriving in New York, Gerald at once sought Mr. Lyttleton, and acquainted him with his singular discovery. That gentleman at once exclaimed that the books in New Haven had been tampered with, but when, or just how, they could have been made to prove such falsehoods, was more than he could understand.

The fact that a monument bearing the name of Miriam Harris Brewster had ben erected in the Winchester lot, he agreed with Gerald, would amount to nothing in the way of evidence unless Mr. Brewster's agency in the matter could be indisputably proved, and this did not appear likely, since it was patent that he had taken special pains to prevent such a discovery.

"The first thing to be done is to hunt up that firm of marble-workers, and try to ascertain who gave them the order," the lawyer observed, during their discussion of ways and means regarding future action.

Accordingly, on the following morning, Gerald started out upon his search.

By referring to a directory three years old, he learned where the firm's place of business had been located, but upon presenting himself there was greatly disappointed to find that the works had changed hands.

This, of course, only served to complicate matters, since the new firm had in their possession none of the books of the old, except those of the previous year, which contained a record of unsettled accounts and orders received, and which had accompanied the "good-will" of the business.

But Gerald was fortunate enough to obtain the address of one of the members of the old firm, and, hastening to seek him, ascertained, to his great relief, that the books showing the last five years' business were still in existence.

He told the man his errand—namely, that he wished to learn the name of the party or parties who had ordered a monument and the granite border for a certain lot in the cemetery in Ashton, R. I.

His listener smiled at his request.

"I can't tell you that, Mr. Winchester," he said; "the transaction was a very queer one, from beginning to end, and I know all about it, for I did all the business in connection with it. Let me see," he continued reflectively; "it must have been more than three years ago that we received a letter requesting us to send some designs of monuments, with descriptions and prices, for inspection, to room number forty-two, Hoffman House, on a certain date, and stipulating that no questions were to be asked, at the hotel, regarding the occupant of the room mentioned. The writer wished to make a selection, and would afterward remail the designs to us, and, if suited, give us an order. We complied with the request, strictly observing the conditions. Three days later we received the sketches back, and upon one was written: 'This one chosen.' Accompanying it were two bank-checks—one for five hundred dollars, from which the price of the monument was to be deducted, and the remainder used to erect a granite border to enclose what was known as the Winchester lot in the cemetery of Ashton, R. I. We were authorized to use our judgment in the matter. The inscription to be cut on the tablet was given, all but the date of the death of the individual, which was unknown to the writer; but we were ordered to make inquiries in the town, and affix it later. We made inquiries, but were unable to learn when the lady died, and so were obliged to leave the line blank. The other check, for two hundred dollars, was to be deposited in the bank of the place, upon the completion of our work, the interest accruing therefrom to be devoted yearly to the care of the lot—the same to be paid the sexton, or whoever would assume the care for the sum named."

CHAPTER IV.

"And you never say the party who authorized you to do all this?" Gerald inquired, as his companion paused.

"Never; the man—I suppose it was a man—evidently desired to have his agency in the matter entirely unknown; he gave us directions, and a certain amount to carry them out. The checks he sent to us were not signed by him, but bore only the signature of the cashier of the bank upon which they were drawn. So, you see, our patron adopted every precaution to conceal his identity. It was our duty to follow his instructions, asking no questions, and I think we made a pretty good job of it," the gentleman concluded, in a tone of quiet satisfaction.

"Indeed you did," said Gerald heartily; "everything was handsomely and thoroughly done. Have you the letters which your patron wrote you in connection with all this?"

"No; and that is another strange feature of the affair," his companion returned. "We were in the habit of filing all orders, but this customer especially stated that his communications were to be destroyed, and he should depend upon our honor to obey his instructions implicitly. Besides, they were typewritten, and, therefore, if you are looking for any particular handwriting or autograph, they cannot be found here."

Gerald was terribly disappointed upon receiving this information. It seemed as if he was destined to be baffled at every point, and it was very disheartening.

At the same time, what he had just learned might, if produced in court, point, though indirectly, to Adam Brewster as the man who had ordered the improvement of the Winchester lot and the erection of a monument to the memory of his mother, but the facts gleaned from the marble-worker would be so vague and unsatisfactory, it was exceedingly doubtful if they would be admitted as evidence.

"Can you give me the date on which you sent those designs to the Hoffman House?" Gerald inquired, after a moment of troubled thought.

"I—might possibly be able to do so, sir," the gentleman returned, with some hesitation, "but, really, I still feel myself in honor bound to regard the wishes of our mysterious patron. I should be very glad to oblige you, but I cannot break faith with any one, once having given my word."

"I appreciate your position, and respect you for your fidelity," Gerald frankly responded, "but there is a great deal at stake in this matter; a fortune is involved, it having passed into the hands of a sharper, thus wronging the only direct heir, and as the gentleman in question is not now living——"

"Ah!" here interposed the marble-worker, "that makes a very material difference; can you explain the position a little more fully to me?"

Gerald did so as briefly as possible, mentioning, in conclusion, that as a lawsuit would probably ensue, he might have to call upon him to testify in his behalf.

The gentleman then arose, and, going to a shelf, took down a large account-book, laid it upon a table, and began to turn over the leaves.

Pausing at last, he laid his fingers upon a line, remarking:

"Here, Mr. Winchester, is the order for the stone; we always copied every commission into our books. This says November 10. I sent the designs to the Hoffman House three days earlier."

Gerald made a note of the date, then, thanking the man for his courtesy, he bade him good day and hurried away.

"It is but a straw, and may lead me only on a wild-goose chase," he muttered, as he boarder a car for muttered, as he boarded a car for fort."

He proceeded directly to the Hoffmanman House, and, going to the office, inquired of the clerk if he could tell by inspecting his books who had occupied room number forty-two on November 10, three years previous.

"Certainly," replied that obliging official, as he beckoned to an attendant, who sprang at once to do his bidding.

He ordered him to bring him the second volume of the year which Gerald had mentioned, and, when it was brought, himself searched for the entry desired.

"Ah! here you have it, my friend," he said, in a brisk, cheerful tone. "Room forty-two—Adam Brewster, of New York City," and the clerk indicated the name as he read it.

For a moment Gerald's sight was so blurred that he could not see the writing, and his heart gave such a leap that he almost gasped for breath.

But at length his vision cleared, and he resolutely steadied his nerves as he bent forward and read the banker's name, which had been inscribed in his own familiar handwriting.

There was no doubt now that he had traced his man, but it might be difficult to make a jury see it in the same light.

There was a possibility that another party might have occupied the same room on the same day, either prior to or succeeding Mr. Brewster's occupancy of it.

In that case, he would be all at sea again, and thus it was with something of a nervous inward tremor that he put another question to the clerk.

"Can you tell me whether Mr. Brewster occupied the room exclusively on that day, or whether it may not have been vacated by him and assigned to some one else after?" he asked.

"I can tell you, of course," was the affable rejoinder, and then the man ran his eye rapidly over two or three pages of names.

"No," he said at last, "room forty-two was occupied on that date by no one save the gentleman already named. The day following, however, it was given to a party from Boston—you can readily see for yourself."

Gerald carefully examined the pages indicated, and then, with a great weight rolling off his heart, felt that he had made a long march on the road to victory.

(To be continued.)

About the Farm

DODDER IN ALFALFA SEED.

Occasionally, great damage results in alfalfa and clover fields by the introduction of dodder in the seed. This plant, when started, fastens itself to the plants of the main crop, and saps the life out of them. Dealing with this pest, the New York Experiment Station, at Geneva, describes the injury to alfalfa in a bulletin, as follows:

"Dodder is a yellow, thread-like, twining weed which is exceedingly troublesome in alfalfa fields. It appears in circular spots 3 to 30 feet or more in diameter. At the center of the spot the alfalfa is killed out, while around the margin the ground is covered with a mat of yellow threads which twine closely about the stems of the alfalfa plants and slowly strangle them. The spots increase in size from year to year. Many fields have been completely ruined by dodder. It is not often injurious to other crops (except red clover), but once established in an alfalfa field, it is very difficult to eradicate without killing the alfalfa."

Special precautions should be taken to sow clean seed. Sometimes it is found necessary to remove dodder and other foreign seeds after a supply has been procured for sowing. The following advice is given by the Geneva authorities regarding alfalfa seed:

"Alfalfa seed is larger than dodder seed, and advantage was taken of this fact by the Station to perfect a method by which commercial alfalfa seed may be made practically free from dodder, and safe to sow. It was found that dodder seeds are readily removed by sifting through a wire sieve having 20 meshes to the inch. Since ready-made sieves of this mesh are not readily obtainable, it is advised to construct a light wooden frame, 12 inches square by 3 inches deep, and tack over the bottom of it 20 by 20 mesh steel-wire cloth of No. 34. This quantity of wire cloth ought not to cost more than 15 or 20 cents. In case brass or copper wire cloth is used, the wire should be No. 32, on the English gauge. It is important that the wire cloth used be exactly 20 by 20 mesh, which may be determined by placing a ruler on the sieve or cloth and counting the number of spaces to the inch. With a sieve of this kind, it is estimated that a man can clean from three to seven bushels of alfalfa seed per day. From one-fourth to one-half pound of seed, and no more, should be put in the sieve at a time, and vigorously shaken for one-half minute. To make the work uniformly thorough, the use of a cup holding not over one-half pound of seed, and careful timing of the sifting, is recommended. If the seed contains little dodder, one sifting may do; but when much dodder is present, and particularly if it is of the large-seeded kind, two siftings, both made strictly as directed, are advised. In experimenting with this method, it was observed that, besides the dodder seeds, various other small seeds, broken seeds, and dirt, as well as some of the smaller alfalfa seeds, were also removed by sifting. The siftings varied from about 1 to 5 pounds per bushel, according to the original cleanness of the seed, and the thoroughness of the sifting. The rejection of the siftings is considered as causing but little, if any, loss.

FARM NOTES.

Have you noticed the wonderful increase of grass growth in the meadows after the application of a light dressing of manure? Barnyard manure may be applied to the meadows in winter as well as in early spring.

It is perhaps all right in some instances for a farmer who has earned a competence to retire and take his family to town, if he wishes. But it is exceedingly risky for him, or any other man, to put his money into a business for which he has no special training.

It is difficult to find work during winter for farm hands. If farm laborers could be kept at work all winter as well as summer, we would have no difficulty in finding plenty of farm help at moderate wages. It is the duty of everyone to give his men as much work as possible during winter and to lay plans to that end. There is much that can be done.

While the subject of railroad rates is engaging the attention of practically everybody at the present time, the possibility of an immense reduction in the cost of transportation on wagon roads is entirely overlooked. The average cost of hauling over the wagon roads is 25 cents per ton-mile, and in some 25 cents per ton-mile, and in some cases the cost runs higher than $1 per ton-mile. It has been demonstrated both in this and foreign countries that the cost of hauling can be reduced to as low as eight cents per ton per mile. The cost of a product must be kept within the purchasing power of the consumer or it has no market.

EELS ON A LONG TREK.

Stories From New Zealand of Their Night Land Journeys.

Prof. Drummond, the New Zealand naturalist, writing on the subject of the journeys of animals, observes that reindeer, foxes, hares, seals, whales, rats, many species of fish, a few species of reptiles, and even insects, undertake some very extraordinary migrations, says the London Standard.

In New Zealand the most notable migrants are birds, but in other classes seals are known to set out upon long journeys and to return to their old homes again, and the migrations of the Maori rat, especially in the Nelson and Marlborough districts, where countless thousands, led by an invisible Pied Piper, swarmed for many days across fields, through villages, over rivers and up hill and down dale, have become important events in the local history. The migrations of eels have not attracted as much attention as the movements of other animals, but are quite as remarkable.

R. C. Bruce of Ngaruru states that recent dredging operations by vessels fitted out for philosophical investigations have proved beyond all doubt not only that eels breed in the sea but far out at sea, where their breeding places have been found.

Old Maoris on the west coast of the North island state that when the eels go toward the sea in a large body they are led by two individuals of an enormous size. John R. Macdonald, of Levin, told Mr. Bruce that he once saw one of these migrations, with two large eels in the van.

Overland journeys at night, which are characteristic of some eels, have been noted in New Zealand. Mr. Bruce has been told by some very old Maori friends that they have known eels to undertake fairly long journeys by night. On one occasion the Maoris had camped for the night on a spur that is the watershed between the Wangaehu and Manguwhero rivers. About midnight their attention was arrested by their dog, which was much excited and was barking furiously. When they went out to ascertain the cause of the disturbance they found that the dog was following up an enormous eel which was on one of its land journeys.

SENTENCE SERMONS.

No truth is understood until it is obeyed.

Crooks are made by trying to dodge around duties.

It is always safe to go where you can help another.

No life lightens the world without consuming itself.

Obedience is the first step in training for authority.

Folks who have most advice to spare often need it most.

Love is always a poor thing so long as it tries to save itself.

No man can make life joyous who does not himself enjoy life.

Heaven always gets your picture just when you are not posing.

There is nothing more divine in this world than simple humanity.

The man who advertises his doubts often dreads truth most of all.

Luck may knock at the door, but it takes hard work to force it open.

The best way to flee from the tempter is to fly to your brother's aid.

A man's faith is to be known by his alley as well as by his front yard.

Shielding a fool from the fruits of his folly is fostering his foolishness.

The loss of sympathy would be too high a price for the los of all sorrow.

There are too many people busy printing the golden rule on elastic yardsticks.

He who is too busy to enter into the little joys of others gives the world no great joys.

Many a man thinks he is generous because he has a longing to give what he has not got.

When you see a prophet striking attitudes you may be sure he has some habits to hide.

There's a world of difference between trying to seem pleasant and seeking to give pleasure.

Some people are so active religiously on Sunday because their piety has been resting all the week.

It is better to climb up though but lamely than to run down hot foot and free.

NO CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT.

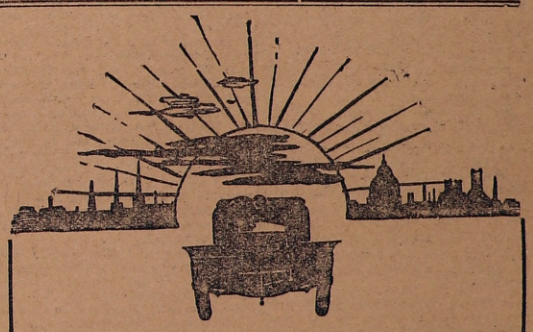
"I thought you said this house had an extra large back yard?" said the prospective tenant.

"So I did," answered the agent.

"But it is only four feet deep, by actual measurement," protested the p.t.

"Well," rejoined the wily agent, "the ordinary yard is only three feet, you know."

The Norwegian Army includes a corps of skaters, armed with rifles.



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What is Education?

It is a well-founded psychological law that nothing succeeds like success. On this principle we may found a pedagogical law, namely that the true teacher is he who aims to discover the aptitudes of pupil and to adjust the pupil's work to his faculties and powers.

Thus adjusted, the pupil attempts that at which he can succeed; and, in succeeding, gets the inspiration to accomplish better things, for out of confidence in oneself comes one's best endeavors.

The true teacher discovers what pupils can do; directs them how to go about their work and encourages them with recognition of their success. He does not hammer anything into them; he gets it all out of them—which is "education."

The Temperance Cause Advancing

The progress of the temperance cause in Canada is shown by the following facts: In the Province of Prince Edward Island there are no licenses; in Nova Scotia there are licenses in only two counties and the city of Halifax; in New Brunswick local option is in force in nine counties; in Quebec there is local prohibition in 664 municipalities; in Ontario 334 out of 808 municipalities are under local option; in Manitoba 34 municipalities had local option, and as a result of the coming contest there it is hoped that there will be sixty more. The Legislature of Saskatchewan has passed a local option bill and contests might be expected there within six months. Alberta had the best regulated license system in the country. British Columbia is the farthest behind, but they hope soon to have a local option bill submitted.

Regeneration of Society

We are told that struggle for wealth and fear of poverty cultivate selfishness, and that if this struggle should cease, the nobler qualities of human nature would triumph over the baser.

This, however, says, a writer in The Homiletic Review, is not a question of opinion, but of fact. There are many thousands of families who are placed beyond the necessity of toil and beyond all reasonable fear of want. What are the facts in their case?

Do we find such families as a class, with succeeding generations of inherited wealth, become less and less selfish, more and more devoted to the general good, shining examples of domestic virtue and of public spirit? Or do we find precisely the opposite?

There are beautiful exceptions—the more beautiful because so exceptional—but generally speaking wealth tends to luxury, and luxury fosters vice; and how often vice disrupts the family.

Abundance makes self-gratification easy; and selfishness of every form fattens on indulgence.

Selfishness did not come with the competitive system of organized industry, and will not go with it. It existed in the tribal and patriarchal organizations of society, and wrought wretchedness there as elsewhere. The patriarchal family still obtains in Asia, and the miseries of selfishness are far more intense and obvious in Asia, where the industrial revolution has not yet entered than in Christendom, where it originated.

If society is to be saved, we must apply the law of service to all human activities and relationships, and demand that all shall live unselfishly.

War and Civilization

It appears somewhat singular that the more highly civilized a nation becomes the more heavily does it arm itself. To-day it is precisely the most enlightened, advanced, civilized, yes, the most Christian nations, that are the most powerfully armed, and that are in the hottest competition to increase their armament—Great Britain, Germany and the United States.

Uncivilized and semi-civilized nations seem to get on without mighty armies and navies. But directly they begin to be enlightened they begin to arm themselves.

Fifty years ago Japan was uncivilized and unarmed. To-day she is civilized, and powerfully armed, and full of fight. She has been revolutionized by western ideas—by civilization.

For centuries China has been uncivilized, unarmed and contented. Now the light is penetrating her huge bulk, and she is forthwith beginning to create a vast army and navy.

Where lies the menace of the peace of the world? Not in the barbarous lands, but in the most highly civilized and Christian lands. They are the most heavily armed, and not against savages, but against one another. They say we must go armed to keep the peace.

But who is going to break the peace? Do they regard one another as so many armed burglars and murderers lying in wait to steal and to kill, and do they feel safe only when armed to the teeth and alert and vigilant? And are those who disapprove of this condition of things to be laughed at as dreamers, and put down as sentimental theorists?

Why cannot enlightened Christian nations live together as civilized men do? Why not have laws, courts, and the like machinery of civilization for settling disputes, precisely as orderly communities and countries have for settling disputes among their own citizens?

A bill for the removal of Roman Catholic disabilities and to amend the coronation oath passed its second reading in the British Commons.

The Weather and Crop Prospects

The seeding situation throughout the country seems to have undergone a magical change within a few days. A fortnight ago the sanest of the crop reports were unmistakably tinged with indigo. Frost and floods threatened to give the wheat an early setback, from which it could not entirely recover. A few days of warm weather and the statistical departments of the railways find that the seeding has been completed almost within schedule time, that the grain acreage is increased 10 per cent., and that the west particularly is exuding radiant optimism again. Although seeding operations undoubtedly advanced with great rapidity upon the advent of fine weather, the change which has come over the country is largely sentimental. It is natural for us to grow weary towards the end of our late spring, and to rail at the invariable bleakness of early May. When the real warm weather comes we forget that the first part of the month exhibited its customary unseasonableness, and are much surprised to find the first of May next year abnormally cold and raw. It generally happens, and it is always regarded as extraordinary.

Just now cheerful persons are recalling the fact that the best crops have been often harvested in a season of late seeding. This is undoubtedly true, but the later the season the greater the danger of frost, and this danger is increased by just the period which the seeding of this crop is behind that of the average year. Happily, the margin is very small, and the crop of 1909 starts off, all things considered, under the best of auspices.—The Globe.

If I Were a Boy

BY W. G. SENIOR

With over forty years' experience condensed into twelve years of life, what a strange creature would I present "if I were a boy." My memory of misdoings in Sunday School years ago do not help me much, for I seem to see just now the tender (?) touch of an old teacher, who had a playful way of calling his pupils to order by the ear, and arousing their interest by a sharp tap on the knuckles with his ever-ready pencil. I am quite sure, however, that this playfulness of his had a very wholesome effect upon the behavior of the class, for even yet I would rather pay attention than feel his pinch on my ear.

Well, now, after forty years, if I were a boy, first of all I would become a Christian, so that my whole life would be given to Jesus. I cheated my Master out of the first twenty years. They were his, and I kept them back, and in cheating Him I worsted myself. I formed bad habits; thought evil thoughts; spoke wicked words; and sowed seed that took such dreadful root that all the years since I have had to fight them; and when I became a man, and sought Jesus as my Saviour, I had to present him a weakened manhood, because of sin. If I had it to do over again, I would take Jesus into my heart at the very beginning of my life.

Second—If I were a boy again now, I would pray for and cultivate a reverence for God, His Name, His Day, His Word, His Church, His House. Perhaps the greatest wickedness to-day is irreverence. Old men, young men, boys, and even girls, swear profanely by the name of God, careless of the fact that He is holy, and that His Name should be hallowed. Even Christians jest and make light of His Word, forgetting that it is God who hath spoken it. We treat His church as a club; His house as a playhouse; His day as our time for fun or recreation, or worse. How much it will help if, while we are boys, we get right ideas of these institutions of God, hallowing His Name, remembering His Day to keep it holy, and walking softly and reverently into His holy temple.

Now, third—If I were a boy, I would want to get on the right side of things. We boys, like men, classify ourselves, and a little careful study will soon show which class we are in—the lazy or the diligent, the worker or the shirker, the early or the late, the helper or the hinderer, the courageous or the cowardly, the true or the false, the clean or the unclean, the civil or the uncivil, and, even though we may be shrewd enough to hide our class, we must not forget that the boy is father of the man, and a false boy will not grow into a true man, nor is a diligent boy likely to become a lazy man.

Now, there are some things I would NOT do if I were a boy. I would not use tobacco, or smoke cigarettes. Some good men use tobacco; their example is not good in this respect—they would be better men if they did not use it. I am told some large business houses will not employ a boy who smokes. I would not use slang. It may not be very bad, but it is pretty close to being vulgar, and sounds more like the language of the cheap theatre than the Christian Sunday School. I would not stand around on the streets. It wastes good time that we ought to redeem; it lets us down to the level of loafers; and boys, we cannot afford to discount ourselves.

Lastly, I would want to grow; I would set before me the picture of Jesus of Nazareth, and day by day, simply as becometh a boy, seek to follow in His footsteps and grow into His likeness, into a perfect man, the measure of the fulness of the Christ.

The Dominion Parliament was prorouged yesterday.

The Trent Valley Canal is now open from Healey's Falls to Lake Simcoe. The sections from Lake Simcoe to the Georgian Bay, and from Healey's Falls to Trenton, are yet to be completed.

The Canadian Northern crop report gives a highly satisfactory statement of conditions in the west in its territory. Quite a fall of snow is reported at MacLeod, Alta., and the cattle are suffering.

The tender leaves of a harmless lung-healing mountainous shrub, give to Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy its marvellous curative properties. Tight, tickling or distressing coughs quickly yield to the healing, soothing, action of this splendid prescription — Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy. And it is so safe and good for children, as well. Containing no opium, chloroform or other harmful drugs, mothers should in safety always demand Dr. Shoop's. If other remedies are offered, tell them No! Be your own judge! Sold by J. S. Morton.

The Call of the Spring Winds

The vagabond spirit comes o'er me,
The thirst for the woodland ways,
And nothing less will restore me
Than the wealth of the summer days,
The riches of wood and pasture,
The golden October haze.

To wander, and dream, and listen
To the wind among the trees,
To rove where the sweet brooks glisten,
To hear God's voice in the breeze,
O, here in the smoky city,
My soul is athirst for these.

—Ozora Stearns Davis.

Happiness

The best things are nearest: breath in your nostrils, light in your eyes, flowers at your feet, duties at your hand, the path of God just before you.

Then do not grasp at the stars, but do life's plain, common work as it comes, certain that daily duties and daily bread are the sweetest things of life.

Kindness in Conversation

There is no way in which men can do good to others with so little expense and trouble as by kindness in conversation. We should think that kind words would be very common, they are so cheap; but there are many persons who have a large assortment of all other language, except that of kindness. They have bitter words, and witty words, and learned words in abundance, but their stock of kind words is small. There are persons who draw on their kindness with more reluctance than on their purses. The habit of using kind words will at length conform our feelings to our language. We shall become kind not only in speech but in our manners and in our hearts.

A Morning Prayer

The day returns and brings us the petty round of irritating concerns and duties. Help us to play the man, help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces; let cheerfulness abound with industry. Give us to go blithely on our business all this day, bring us to our resting beds weary and content and undishonored; and grant us in the end the gift of sleep. Amen.

Three young Montreal men were fined and sent to jail for beating a horse to death.

Thanks for the friends who, with their splendid courage, redeem our negative days.

Trade returns for April show an increase of $4,028,267 over the same month last year.

A St. Catharines correspondent of the Globe says the fruit crop prospects are very good.

John McDonald fell forty feet off a derrick at Murphy's stone quarry in Tweed and received very serious injuries.

The latest German war scare in England is a report that Germany has a great depot of arms and ammunition in London.

The reports of the slaughter of Christians in Asia Minor have been greatly exaggerated. Probably not more than ten thousand have been slain.

The Provincial license department has received word of 40 prosecutions at Cobalt for illegal sales of liquor. About $3,890 was collected in fines.

The Whitney Government is reorganizing the police force of the Province. It is all right to reoganize the officers, but the real need of the Province is husky privates mounted on good horses.

A good deal of nonsense is talked about North America's freedom from armaments. As a matter of fact the United States is spending more for naval and military purposes than is Germany, which is generally looked upon as the most warlike nation in Europe.

Notice to Creditors

In the Matter of the Estate of James F. Cooney, late of the village of Stirling, in the county of Hastings, Gentleman, deceased.

Notice is hereby given in pursurance of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, chap. 129, section 38, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the late James F. Cooney, who died on or before the first day of May, A.D. 1909, are required on or before the 19th day of June, A.D. 1909, to send by post prepaid, or to deliver to Adam D. Cooney or Robert Eggleton, the Executors of the last will and testament of James F. Cooney, at the village of Stirling, in the county of Hastings, Stirling post office, or their Solicitor as hereunder, at Stirling post office, their Christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions and full particulars of their claims, statement of their accounts and the nature of their securities, if any, held by them, verified by affidavit.

And further notice is given that after such last mentioned date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only for the claims of which they shall have notice, and that the Executors will not be liable for such assets, or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received.

And notice is further given that all persons indebted to the said deceased must pay the amount of their indebtedness to the said Executors or their Solicitor hereunder, forthwith.

G. G. THRASHER,
Solicitor for Executors.

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Court of Revision

VILLAGE OF STIRLING

Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision for the municipality of the Village of Stirling will be held in the Council Chamber in said village on

Friday, May 28th,

at the hour of 8 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of hearing and determining all complaints against the assessment for the current year.

All parties concerned will please take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

G. G. THRASHER, Clerk.
Stirling, May 12th, 1909.

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SCIENCE OF WORN BOOTS.

Cothurnology is Latest Means of Judging Character.

Palmistry, phrenology graphology and all other methods of judging character seem destined henceforth to take second place to cothurnology—the science of worn boots.

According to a Swiss doctor, worn shoes give far more reliable indications than the lines of the hand, the features of the face, or the style of the handwriting.

If heel and sole of the shoe are equally worn after two months' wear, the wearer is an energetic business man, a trusty employe, or an excellent wife or mother.

If the sole is worn on the outer edge, the wearer has a marked tendency for adventures, or abold, obstinate spirit.

If the wearing is on the inside edge, it is a sign of irresolution and weakness in a man, modesty in a woman.

The inventor of the method has put his views to practical test, and on one occasion, having closely observed a stranger entering his house, noticed that his shoes were worn on the outside edge the tip of the sole being roughened, while the rest was still as good as new. He was convinced that the man before him was a scroundel, and on the very same day the individual was arrested for theft.

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"Madam," said the young man who had called at the door, "I have the pleasure of introducing to you our new automatic house-cleaning machine—a simple little thing which does the whole work of house-cleaning, leaving you merely the general supervision."

"Does it do all, eh?" demanded the woman of the house. "Will it wash the outside of the upstairs windows?"

"Why, no, madam, but——"

"Will it take down, wash, stretch to dry, iron, and hang up the parlor curtains?"

"Well, of course, this machine—"

"Will it paint the kitchen, and make my daughter help with the dishes?"

"Oh, madam, this machine——"

"Will it wash the winter bedding and put it away, lay down the furs with moth balls, sew on buttons, set three meals a day, and pacify the household?"

"No, madam. You have misunderstood the limitations of my machine."

"Limitations! It will be a long time before any man will get up a machine to do all a woman has to do in her house."

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THOUGHT HE EARNED IT.

Mrs. Croxton was opposed, on principle, to giving money or food to professional beggars, but there was something so forlorn in the aspect of the dilapidated vagabond at her kitchen door that she hesitated to turn him away.

"Haven't you any occupation?" she asked.

"Nothing that you'd call an occupation, ma'am," he answered.

"Didn't you ever try to learn a trade of any kind?"

"Nothing that you'd call a trade."

"And you have never tried to earn your own living?"

"Lady," said the tramp, straightening himself up with something resembling dignity, "I earn my living every day. At least, I'm earning the right to live."

"How?"

"Dodging automobiles."

Mrs Croxton decided that he had earned a plateful of chicken hash.

LAY FOR WEEKS AT DEATH'S DOOR

BUT DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURED MRS. THOMPSON'S DROPSY.

It Started with Backache and grew Worse till the Doctor said She Must Die.

Holt, Ont., May 17. (Special).—All the countryside here is ringing with the wonderful cure of Mrs. Samuel Thompson, who lay at the point of death for weeks, swollen with Dropsy so that the doctor five different times decided to tap her, but desisted because, as her husband said, "It might be better to let her die in peace." After the doctor had given her up Dodd's Kidney Pills cured her.

Mrs. Thompson's terrible trouble started with a pain in the back. She grew worse, and the doctor treated her for jaundice for eight weeks. Then her feet and legs began to swell, and it was realized that Dropsy was the trouble. For seven months she suffered. The doctor said there was no hope; she must die.

As a last resort Dodd's Kidney Pills were tried. The improvement was slow but gradually her strength came back. To-day Mrs. Thompson is a well woman. She says, and the countryside knows, she owes her life to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

If the disease is of the Kidneys, or from the Kidneys, Dodd's Kidney Pills will cure it.

HAD LEARNED SIGNS.

Landlady—"That new boarder needn't try make me think he is a bachelor. He's either married or is a widower."

Milling—"How can you tell?"

Landlady—"He always turns his back when he opens his pocket-book to pay his board."

The transition from winter's cold to summer's heat frequently puts a strain upon the system that produces internal complications, always painful and often serious. A common form of disorder is dysentery, to which many are prone in the spring and summer. The very best medicine to use in subduing this painful ailment is Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial. It is a standard remedy, sold everywhere.

UNCLE EBEN SAYS:

"It's true when the ol' cat's away the little mice will sport an' play, but one or more gits taken in when the ol' cat shows up ag'in."

A Woman's Sympathy

Are you discouraged? Is your doctor's bill a heavy financial load? Is your pain a heavy physical burden? I know what these mean to delicate women—I have been discouraged, too; but learned how to cure myself. I want to relieve your burdens. Why not end the pain and stop the doctor's bill? I can do this for you and will if you will assist me.

All you need do is to write for a free box of the remedy which has been placed in my hands to be given away. Perhaps this one box will cure you—it has done so for others. If so, I shall be happy and you will be cured for 2c (the cost of a postage stamp). Your letters held confidentially. Write to-day for my free treatment. MRS. F. E CURRAH, Windsor, Ont.

The average man no sooner does a kind act that he begins to feel big over it.

There is No Such Thing as a harmless cough. The trouble goes from bad to worse unless checked. Allen's Lung Balsam cures the worst of colds. It allays inflammation and clears the air passages.

It takes a good neighbor to appreciate a neighbor who thinks he is better.

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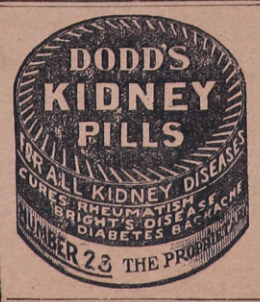

MAN HATERS IN ENGLAND.

Would Not Receive Letters With King's Head on Stamp.

There died at Hackney, England, the other day an elderly spinster named Harriet Evans, who possessed the distinction of being probably the bitterest man-hater that ever lived.

So far, indeed, did she carry her destestation of the opposite sex, that she refused to receive letters because the stamps bore the King's head. For the same reason, she would only use coins with Queen Victoria's effigy upon them. All other money she threw into the fire as soon as she received it. She declined to deal at shops where male assistants were employed, and, when advertising for apartments, she invariably stipulated that there should be no man in the house.

The papers alluded to her case as a unique one. But in reality women holding similar views are far from uncommon, although comparatively few carry their man-hating mania to such extreme lengths.

There was, however, a lady who quite recently advertised her abhorence for the opposite sex by publicly refusing to accept a legacy which had been left her by a male relative. Her servants, too, were all females, including her "coachman," who was, up till the middle of last year, a quite well-known figure in the West End of London.

In Bloomsbury, again, there lived, not long ago, a woman shopkeeper, who declined to supply men customers, or, rather, would-be men customers, on any terms whatever. Her establishment was a small one, of the kind usually known as a "general shop," and the eccentric proprietor used to sit in a little parlor in the rear.

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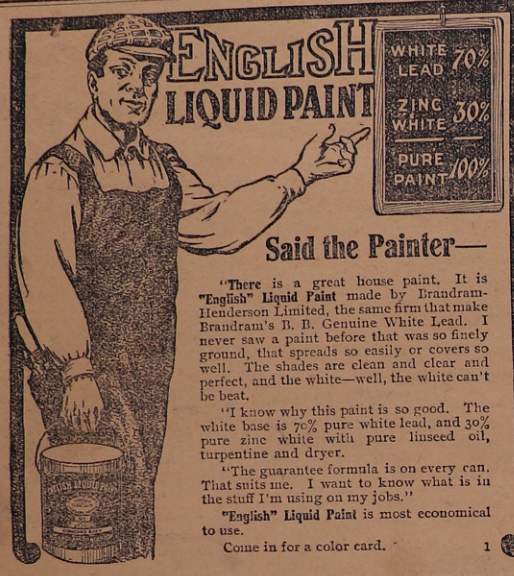

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THE WILY COMEDIAN.

His Mixup With a Contract, a Legal Fee and an Opinion.

There was a certain comic opera comedian who made no end of money and who scorned anything like ostentatious recklessness in the spending of it. He was almost morbid on the subject, in fact, and there were those who said that he went to evening instead of morning service so that he might have the use of the money he dropped into the box a little longer. This is by way of explaining the grief which once befell him in Cleveland.

Somebody had played an engagement at a certain theater and had received a frigid reception, which stage people call a frost. The comedian wasn't going to run any risks. He wouldn't play at the theater unless a certain amount of money was promised him. The manager of the theater offered a very large percentage of the receipts; but, oh, dear, no, the wily comedian wasn't going to be caught by such chaff as that. He insisted upon a lump sum regardless of receipts. The sum was guaranteed, the contract signed. The comedian came to town and, strolling as if by chance into the box office, asked how the house was selling.

"Oh," said the ticket seller, "we sold every seat in the house ten days ago!"

The comedian's blood boiled.

"Would," said he to himself, "oh, would that I had accepted the percentage! It would have been double what I get now."

It was too late, however, to rely on simple woulding to change matters, so he sought the foremost attorney of the town, showed him the contract and expressed his desire to break it and abide by the customary percentage plan. Before the attorney would consent to express an opinion the question of fee came up, and the comedian handed him $500. The man at law then took the paper and examined it.

"My dear sir," said he, "that contract can't possibly be broken. I drew it up myself."

It is not told what the temperature of Cleveland according to the government report was that day, but in the neighborhood of that comedian things fairly sizzled.

COAL AS FUEL.

It Was In Use as Far Back as the Time of King Solomon.

The first mention of coal in the annals of mankind occurs in the Bible, Proverbs xxvi, 21, as follows: "As coals are to burning coals and wood to fire, so is a contentious man to kindle strife." This was written about 1016 B. C., at the time King Solomon came into power. Part of his dominion was Syria, and ancient coal mines are worked in that country today. There are several other references to coal in the Bible, all of a later date. Tools and cinders have been found near the Roman wall, indicating that the Britons were familiar with the use of coal prior to the Roman invasion in 54 B. C.

The first actual record of a coal transaction is the receipt for twelve cart loads of coal written by the good abbot of Peterborough, A. D. 852.

Years before the Christian era coal was in common use in China. Anthracite coal is powdered, mixed with wet clay and rolled into balls. These are dried in the sun, and the poor use this fuel in little hand furnaces precisely as they did centuries ago. Marco Polo speaks of seeing in 1275 "a kind of black stone in Cathay that is used to burn better than wood." Marco Polo's countrymen refused to believe the traveler's tale.

The earliest historic mention of coal in the United States is by the French Jesuit missionary father Hennepin, who in his journal in 1679 speaks of traces of coal appearing on the banks of the Illinois river and makes the site of a "cole mine" on the James river, near Richmond, the first mine opened for the market. In 1766 anthracite was discovered in the Wyoming valley and a sample of the coal sent to Thomas and William Penn in London.—Carrington Phelps in Metropolitan Magazine.

How Germany Deals With the Waster.

Germany has a law that provides that if it can be proved that a man is earning a sufficient wage to support those dependent on him, but that he is dissipating that wage by vicious habits, he can be declared a minor, and he is then treated as a child. His employer is told that the wage must be paid not to the man, but to a guardian appointed by the magistrate of the district in which he lives, who uses it for the support of the wife and children. In England a man who could not get his wage might refuse to work. In Germany the police would see that he did his work.—Progress.

Her Opportunity.

The man hater had just announced her engagement.

"But you always said that men were horrid creatures," said her friends.

"So they are," replied the bride to be, "and here's my opportunity to punish one of them."

They all agreed that it was real noble of her.

The Eternal Marathon.

"Man," declared the old fashioned preacher, "is a worm."

"And," said a man who had been married three times and who was occupying a small space in a rear pew, "woman is the early bird."

Expensive Education.

"Do you think you could learn to love me?" asked old Gotrox.

"Oh, I don't know," replied Miss Youngbudd. "How much are you willing to spend on my education?"—Chicago News.

THE OBJECTION TO JOHN.

It Was Easily Removed When the Situation Was Explained.

The Gaylords and Nelsons have always been neighbors and intimate friends. So when John Gaylord at twenty-four, as fine a fellow as ever was, began to see what an altogether charming girl Molly Nelson was there was naturally no opposition. Indeed, as the "affair" became serious it was evident to all, including John and Molly themselves, that the parents concerned were delighted. As yet there was no formal announcement, but every one knew that it was "understood," and evening after evening John talked to Molly on the front porch, often lingering after the other Nelsons had retired.

The surprise of the two was consequently great when one evening a shuffling step was heard in the hall, and presently Mr. Nelson appeared in slippers and dressing-gown, candle in hand. Quite evidently he had gone to bed and then got up—for some purpose.

"Why, father, what is the matter?"

Molly's cheeks were burning, as her father stood there hesitating and eying John closely. John, leaning against the doorpost, where he had stood for the last fifteen minutes saying good-night to Molly, felt decidedly uncomfortable under Mr. Nelson's gaze.

In fact, it was embarrassing all around. But John is a young man who goes straight to the point.

"Is anything wrong, Mr. Nelson?" he began. "Am I to infer that you object to my being here?"

"Well, no, not exactly, John." Mr. Nelson coughed slightly, hesitatingly. "It's only that mother and I would like to get a little sleep."

"Father," cried Molly, quite indignant, "we couldn't have been disturbing any one! John has been talking very low"—

"I don't doubt that, my dear." Mr. Nelson was beginning to enjoy the situation. "It's not that, nor have I any objection to John's talking to you. In fact, I haven't an objection in the world to John nor to his conduct, except"—

Mr. Nelson is open to suspicion of having prolonged the matter unnecessarily at this point.

—"except in one thing. Mrs. Nelson and I do object seriously, my dear John, to the habit you seem to have formed this evening of leaning against the bell push. Our bedroom is next to the kitchen, and this continuous bell ringing is not conducive to repose."

THE ATTIC INSTINCT.

Why Some Persons Cling to Things That Are Rubbish.

The attic instinct hangs on surprisingly, and an observing eye can tell how many years a person has lived in the city by merely glancing under her bed. If there are three hat boxes one will contain letters, one scraps of ribbons and laces—if it's a man it's newspaper clippings — and one anything from a broken lock to old road maps. If, besides these, there are bundles of magazines and piles of newspapers, not to mention a bicycle seat and a green umbrella that one might use in private theatricals—if all these things have been placed under the bed against the protests of the family, if they are patiently moved every cleaning day and clung to through a moving, then their owners have the attic instinct to such an extent that there is not the slightest hope of their ever being cured. They will think from an attic point of view for the rest of their lives, and their family might as well become resigned.

When people are willing to make themselves disagreeable over a bit of string and absolutely objectionable on the subject of stray pieces of brown paper they should not be accused of having bad dispositions, not should they be suspected of doing it to annoy one. They are merely suffering from the attic instinct and cannot help themselves.

Their characters were formed and have now hardened for a scheme of life where certain things were always kept in the cellar, others in the wood shed, others in the pantry and the cupboard on the first floor, still others in the closets on the next floor, and everything and anything that overflowed from any of these places was just taken up to the attic. And now these poor dear souls live with a cellar, three stories and an attic still lodged in their minds, and, though they will in time disappear, like all unnecessary members—seventh toe, tails, an appendix—in the meantime they are having trouble with them, they are suffering and fighting for them, and it takes a serious operation to remove so much as one scrap book if the owner thinks he may like to read it over in his old age.

Piscatorial Architecture.

Our four-year-old Elizabeth has recently been superintending (at a safe distance) some extensive repairs on our barn. These repairs included, among other things, the violent tearing off of the roof, an exciting operation accompanied by much beautiful and soul-inspiring noise.

A rainy day caused a suspension of outdoor work, and Elizabeth transferred her attention to the kitchen. When she came upstairs after an hour's absence her mother said to her:

"Where have you been so long, dear?"

"Oh, I've just been in the kitchen," she answered, "watchin Nora take the shingles off a fish!"

Astounding Vitality of the Turtle.

The vitality of this strange sea creature, the turtle, after decapitation is almost beyond belief. A large turtle was once sent to a hotel in Newcastle. The chef cut the turtle's head off and hung the body upside down to bleed. Twenty-four hours after that turtle knocked down a man cook with one blow of its fin. The green turtle is not a vicious creature to handle, like its snapping Japanese brother, but its fins are very strong, and one blow from them is quite sufficient to break a man's arm.—Wide World Magazine.

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The Farmers' Advocate, weekly	$2.80

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Which Book Shall I Send You?

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No. 2 On the Heart
No. 3 On the Kidneys
No. 4 For Women
No. 5 For Men
No. 6 On Rheumatism

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BANK OF MONTREAL

Statement of the Result of the business of the Bank for the half year ended 30th April, 1909

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 31st October, 1908		$ 217,628.56
Profits for the half year ended 30th April, 1909, after deducting charges of management, and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts.....		860,682.49
		$1,078,311.05
Quarterly Dividend 2½ per cent. paid 1st March, 1909.....	$360,000.00	
Quarterly Dividend 2½ per cent. payable 1st June, 1909.....	360,000.00	
		$720,000.00
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward.....		$358,311.05

NOTE—*Market price of Bank of Montreal stock, 30th April, 1909—250%.*

General Statement
30th April, 1909

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....		$ 14,400,000.00
Rest.....	$12,000,000.00	
Balance of Profits carried forward.....	358,311.05	
	$12,358,311.05	
Unclaimed Dividends.....	2,443.01	
Quarterly Dividend, payable 1st June, 1909	360,000.00	
		12,720,754.06
		27,120,754.06
Notes of the Bank in circulation.....	$10,455,537.00	
Deposits not bearing interest.....	51,620,373.35	
Deposits bearing interest.....	118,617,801.53	
Balances due to other Banks in Canada....	124,529.80	
		180,818,241.68
		$207,938,995.74

ASSETS

Gold and Silver coin current.....	$ 6,287,370.53	
Government demand notes.....	12,925,806.25	
Deposit with Dominion Government required by act of Parliament for security of general bank note circulation.....	600,000.00	
Due by agencies of this bank and other banks in Great Britain....	$ 4,839,298.23	
Due by agencies of this bank and other banks in Foreign countries.....	7,109,409.64	
Call and short Loans in Great Britain and United States	80,658,497.00	
	92,607,204.87	
Dominion and Provincial Goverment Securities.....	530,152.88	
Railway and other Bonds, debentures and stocks.....	8,567,011.26	
Notes and cheques of other Banks.....	3,682,086.41	
		125,199,632.20
Bank Premises at Montreal and Branches.....		600,000.00
Current Loans and discounts in Canada and elsewhere (rebate interest reserved) and other assets.....	$81,914,981.49	
Debts secured by mortgage or otherwise....	118,421.11	
Overdue debts not specially secured (loss provided for).....	105,960.94	
		82,139,363.54
		$207,938,995.74

BANK OF MONTREAL, Montreal, 30th April, 1909. } E. S. CLOUSTON, *General Manager.*

Earthquake shocks were reported yesterday from Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa.

Mr. Carnegie, who is in Paris just now, has promised $1,000,000 for a "hero fund" in France, similar to that already established in England, Scotland and the United States.

Prince Edward District No. 11, R. A. M., is holding a Chapter of Instruction in Picton on Monday, June 7th. The Grand Z., Most Wor. Com. Geo. Moore and the Grand Lecturer, Rt. Wor. Comp. J. B. Nixon, are to be present and a most instructive and enjoyable time is anticipated. The afternoon proceedings will begin at 2 30, when the M. M. M. degree will be worked by the Picton Chaper, followed immediately by the M. E. M. degree put on by Napanee Chaper. In the evening Moira Chapter will exemplify the mysteries of the Royal Arch, and the Grand Lecturer will give instruction in the symbols of the degree. A special train will leave Trenton at 6 o'clock, and return in time to catch the morning train home.

A generous citizen of Port Hope has offered $100 in cash prizes to the scholars of Port Hope schools for the best and most tastefully improved lawns, boulevards, flower spaces, gardens, back yards and general surroundings of the home during the summer of 1909. The first prize is $20, with eight others of $10 each.

The advantages of underdraining are plainly shown this season, says Professor Zavitz, of the Guelph Experimental Farm. Where underdraining has been done the seed is germinating and growing nicely, as it is doing on the high land, but in the wet lands where there is no underdraining, great backwardness is manifest.

A pain prescription is printed upon each 25c. box of Dr. Shoop's Pink Pain Tablets. Ask your doctor or druggists if this formula is not complete. Pain means congestion, blood pressure. Head pains, womanly pains, pain anywhere gets instant relief from a Pink Pain Tablet. Sold by J. S. Morton.

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Fancy Hose, black, white, tan, gray, embroidered and lace.....at 25c. to $1.00 pair
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Summer Skirts, black and white, navy and white, linen shade, white embroidered. ..$1.00 to $2.50

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Sailor Hats.....at 20, 25, 35, 50 cents
Boys' Common Straw Hats, 10c. value...for 5 cts.
Turban Sailors.....20 to 75 cents
Boys' Linen Hats.....25c. to $1.00

Boot and Shoe Special for Men and Womem

Men's Beresford Shoes, patent, tan, ox blood..$5.00
" " oxfords, tan, and patent colt.....at $3.00 and $4.00
Unicus and Long Life Shoes...$2.50, $3.00, $3.50
Ladies' Miss Canada Shoes and Oxfords...$3 to $4
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Above represent the best style and wearing values in Canada.

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Our Clothing Department's stock is complete in everything pertaining to Men's and Boys' wearing needs, and values and qualities are unsurpassed.

Men's Summer Underwear..at 25, 37½, 50, 75 cts.
Negligee Shirt specials.....at 50c., 75c., $1.00
See our special values in Men's Fancy Worsted Suits.....at $10.00 to $15.00
See our special values in Boys' Suits..... ....at $2.50, $3.00, $3.50, $4.00, $5.00

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3 lbs. Molasses Snaps.....for 25c.
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3 tins Tomatoes.....for 25c.
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PROROGATION CEREMONIES

Earl Grey Delivers the Speech From the Throne.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The first session of the eleventh Parliament of Canada was prorogued at 3.30 on Wednesday afternoon by his Excellency the Governor-General, with the usual pomp and circumstance. The session, which had lasted just four months, has been one of the shortest in many years, and, with the exception of the debate on the question of Canada's part in naval defence, has been perhaps one of the most uneventful. In all a hundred and sixty-one bills have been passed, of which some forty have been Government measures. The chief items are contained in the speech from the throne.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Honorable gentlemen of the Senate:
Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In relieving you from further attendance on this session I thank you for the assiduity and diligence which you have given to the discharge of the duties entrusted to your care, and it must be a source of satisfaction to yourselves that you have been able to perform your labors in a comparatively brief space of time.

I am pleased to notice that your attention has been engaged in some measures of great importance.

AMENDMENT TO RAILWAY ACT.

In the first rank of such measures is to be noted the amendment of the railway act, under which by the joint action of the national Government, Provincial and municipal authorities, together with the railway companies level railway crossings are to be gradually removed, and a constant menace to life and property thereby effectually done away with.

LOAN TO GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

The loan of ten million dollars to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company will no doubt ensure the completion during the coming season of the prairie section of the National Transcontinental Railway, and will secure to the fast developing western Provinces for this year's crop a new and competitive outlet towards the sea.

The act to place the Department of Labor, which has been in existence for some years, under the direct responsibility of a Minister of the Crown, exclusively entrusted with its management, is in accordance with the oft-expressed wishes of labor organizations, and is a further step in a field of legislation wherein Canada has already taken a not unimportant part.

WILL FACILITATE BUSINESS.

The act charging the Secretary of State with special responsibility in regard to the external affairs of Canada will faciliate the transaction of business in connection with tht most important branch of the public service.

The resolution adopted by the House of Commons for the organization of a Canadian naval service, in co-operation with and in close relation to the Imperial navy, is a proper acknowledgement of the duties now appertaining to Canada as a nation, and as a member of the British Empire.

The financial conditions throughout the world seem to be more hopeful than they were four months ago when I opened this session, and whilst in Cadada we have undoubtedly suffered less than other countries during this period of universal depression, it will still be the part of prudence to exercise care and economy in all branches of the service.

PROVISIONS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the provisions which you have made for the public service.

Honorable gentlemen of the Senate:
Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I sincerely hope and pray that Almighty God will continue to pour His blessings upon our country, and let us now offer Him the fervent expression of our gratitude for the signal favors which we have received from Him.

DEARER LEATHER.

Harness Makers Are Hit by the Latest Advance.

A despatch from Toronto says: During the past few days the tanners of harness leather in Canada have sent notices to the wholesale trade of an advance of four to five cents a pound in the price of harness leather. All green hide stocks which enter largely into the manufacture of heavy shoes have also been subject to a greater or less advance. The effect of this will not be felt in the shoe market at present, but in the harness trade there will be an immediate result, and in the actual cost of heavy harness there will be an increase of nearly three dollars. This will doubtless necessitate a readjustment of prices on the part of every harness manufacturer in the country.

HEAD STRUCK BOX CAR.

Walter McLaughlin Killed at Parry Sound Station.

A despatch from Parry Sound says: A young man named Walter McLaughlin of Norwood, Ont., was killed at the C.P.R. station here on Sunday night by his head coming in contact with a box-car standing on the siding. The young man, who is a machinist, was taking the duties of a friend, the fireman of a freight train, northward bound, and was leaning out of the cab when his head was struck by the car, which is said to have been left too near the main line on a switch. Part of the head was torn open. He was taken to the hospital and medical aid summoned, but he died on the operating table while the doctors were dressing the wound.

GRAIN BULLS ARE HAPPY.

Wheat Held Chicago Stage With New High Records.

A despatch from Chicago says: Monday was a red letter day for the bulls in the grain trade. Wheat held the stage with new high records for very month. In spite of the fact that Patten was ready to sell wheat to the shorts as they bid for it, the May price went to 134½ at the close, far above previous records for the year, and the highest price in many years. There was a new record in the July also, which went to 119⅛. A tremendous volume of buying was felt in the later months and September wheat, which sold at 108¼ during the first hour, advanced to 112.

The resignation of Chief of Police Parnell has been accepted by the St. Catharines commissioners.

"OUR ARMY IS A SHAM"

These Are the Words of Field Marshall Lord Roberts.

A despatch from London says: "Our army is a sham. We have no army," exclaimed Field Marshall Lord Roberts, earnestly, during a debate in the House of Lords upon the Duke of Bedford's motion for an inquiry into the condition of the reserve, on Wednesday. Earl Roberts, who is known to favor compulsory military training, declared that he was amazed at the manner in which both Houses treated the army as a party question, and at the apathy of the nation regarding military defence.

The nation, he said, did not believe in the danger of invasion, and no wonder, for their leaders told them there was no fear of it. He added: "I know perfectly well that the leaders in both Houses are anxious about the future, but they do not tell the country that we have neither an army to send abroad or to defend the country at home. While we are sitting here, taking it easily and comfortably, the danger is coming nearer and nearer to us daily, and unless you cease telling the people they are living in safety and get an army fit to deal with any enemy we shall one day come to such utter grief that you will bitterly regret your inaction.

"It is a perfect marvel to me how Great Britain can see what is going on around us in Europe and be content with the condition of our army. No country in the world would attempt to defend itself with the paucity of men and with the untrained men we have got. You will never have a real army until you have taken the nation into your confidence and tell them their danger. You may think you are safe, but you are not.

"Be frank and tell the nation what is before them. They will respond."

His admonitions were addressed to the Government representatives. The Peers showed their approval by carrying the Duke of Bedford's motion against the Government by a vote of 73 to 22.

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, May 25.—Flour — Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents, $5.40 to $5.50 in buyers' sacks outside for export; on track, Toronto, $5.60 to $5.70. Manitoba flour, first patents, $6.20 to $6.40 on track, Toronto; second patents, $5.70 to $5.80, and strong bakers', $5.50 to $5.60 on track, Toronto.

Wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.29½, Georgian Bay ports; No. 2, $1.26¾, and No. 3 at $1.25¼.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 $1.30 to $1.35 outside.

Barley—No. 3 extra, 62 to 63c outside, and No. 3 60c outside.

Oats—Ontario No. 2 white 52 to 52½c on track, Toronto, and 49½ to 50c outside; No. 2 Western Canada, 52½ to 53c, and No. 3 at 51½c, Bay ports.

Peas—No. 2 95 to 96c outside.

Rye—No. 2, 74 to 75c outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 63 to 65c outside.

Corn—No. 2 American, yellow, 82½ to 83c on track, Toronto, and No. 2, 82c on track, Toronto; Canadian yellow, 76 to 77c on track, Toronto.

Bran—Manitoba, $23.50 in sacks, Toronto freights; shorts, $24.50 to $25, Toronto freights.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—$4 to $5 for choice qualities, and $3 to $3.50 for seconds.

Beans—Prime, $2 and hand-picked, $2.15 to $2.20 per bushel.

Honey—Combs, $2 to $2.75 per dozen, and strained, 10 to 11c per pound.

Maple Syrup—95c to $1 a gallon.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, $13 to $13.50 a ton on track here, and lower grades $11 to $11.50 a ton.

Straw—$7.50 to $8 on track.

Potatoes—Car lots, 90 to 95c per bag on track. Delawares, $1.10 per bag on track.

Poultry—Chickens, Spring, dressed, 35c per pound; fowl, 12 to 14c; turkeys, 18 to 22c per pound.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter--Pound prints, 20 to 21c; tubs and large rolls, 16 to 18c; inferior, 14 to 15c; creamery rolls, 23 to 24c, and solids, 19 to 20c.

Eggs—Case lots, 18 to $18½c per dozen.

Cheese—Large cheese, old, 14 to 14¼c per pound, and twins, 14¼ to 14½c; new cheese, dull at 12¼ to 12½c.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 13 to 13½c per pound in case lots; mess pork, $22 to $22.50; short cut, $24 to $25.

Hams—Light to medium, 15 to 15½c; do., heavy, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 12 to 12½c; shoulders, 11 to 11½c; backs, 17 to 17½c; breakfast bacon, 16 to 16½c.

Lard—Tierces, 13½c; tubs, 13¾c; pails, 14c.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, May 25.—The market for oats is strong, with prices 1 to 2c a bushel higher; peas, No. 2, $1.05 to $1.06; oats, Canadian Western No. 2, 54¾; extra No. 1 feed, 54¾c; No. 1 feed, 54½c; No. 3 Canadian Western, 54c; barley, No. 2, 70 to 72c; Manitoba feed barley, 61 to 61½c; buckwheat, 69½ to 70c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, $6.30; Manitoba Spring wheat patents, seconds, $5.80; Manitoba strong bakers, $5.60; Winter wheat patents, $6.15 to $6.25; straight rollers, $6 to $6.10; straight rollers, in bags, $2.90 to $3; extra, in bags, $2.50 to $2.60. Feed—Manitoba bran, $22 to $23; Manitoba shorts, $24 to $25; Ontario bran, $23 to $24; Ontario shorts, $24.50 to $25.50; pure grain mouille, $33 to $35; mixed mouille, $28 to $30. Cheese—12¼c to 12½c, and easterns 12 to 12¼c. Butter—21½ to 22c. Eggs—19 to 19½c per dozen.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, May 25.--Wheat—May, $1.29½; July, 1.27¾; Sept. $1.08⅝ cash, No. 1 hard, $1.32; No. 1 Northern, $1.31; No. 2 Northern, $1.29; No. 3 Northern, 1.27; to $1.27¾. Flour—First patents, $6.10 to $6.30; second patents, $6 to $6.20; first clears, $4.75 to $4.95; second clears, $3.35 to $3.55. Bran—In Bulk, $24 to $24.50.

Chicago—Wheat—Cash, No. 2 red, $1.49½; No. 3 red, $1.40 to $1.47; No. 2 hard, $1.30 to $1.36; No. 3 hard, $1.25 to $1.30; No. 1 Northern, $1.30 to $1.31; No. 2 Northern, $1.28 to $1.30; No. 3 Spring wheat, $1.25 to $1.29. Corn—No. 2, 76c; No. 2 white, 76¾c; No. 2 yellow, 76½c;! No. 3, 75½ to 75¾c; No. 3 white, 76½c; No. 3 yellow, 76 to 76½c; No. 4, 74½ to 75¼c. Oats—No. 3 white, 58 to 60c; No. 4 white, 58½ to 59c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, May 25.—Prime beeves sold at 5½ to a little over 6c per pound; pretty good animals, 4½ to 5¼c; milkmen's strippers, 3¼ to 4¾c; common stocks, 3¼ to 4¼c per pound. Milch cows were in demand at from $30 to $65 each. Calves sold at $2 to $10 each, or 3 to 5¾c per pound. Sheep sold at 5 to 6 c per pound; lambs at $4 to $6 each. Goods lots of fat hogs sold at 8¼ to 8½c per pound.

Toronto, May 25.—While there were not many straight loads of exporters', shippers were able to pick out a goodly number of choice well finished heavy cattle, which sold readily at $6 to $6.30. Choice butchers' cattle were in strong demand and trading active. The same may be said of stockers and feeders, but the supply was small, those on offer selling firm at about $5. Milkers and springers.— Unchanged. Sheep and lambs—Slightly easier. Calves — Unchanged. Hogs—Strong; selects were quoted $7:60 f.o.b., and $7.85 fed and watered.

QUEBEC BRIDGE.

Semi-Official Announcement That It Will Be Rebuilt.

A despatch from Ottawa says: A semi-official announcement given out on Thursday, indicates that Messrs. Bautlet, Mojeska and Fitzmaurice, the engineering commission appointed for that purpose by the Government, have prepared plans for the new Quebec bridge. Should these plans be approved by the Government, tenders may be called for and the contract let at an early date. It is announced that the present piers, which cost a million and a half dollars, will be utilized for the new bridge, which will have a span almost as great as the 1,800-foot span of the wrecked bridge. Instead of the single tower, which was the weakness of the first bridge, the present piers will probably be duplicated on the river side, thereby reducing the central span to about 1,600 feet. The structure will be on the cantilever principle, and built of nickle steel.

MOTHER'S FEARFUL CRIME.

Killed Two Children and Then Herself.

A despatch from East Hampton, Conn., says: Mrs. Jennie Carsten, wife of Captain Louis Carsten, killed two of her children and herself at the Carsten home, a farm about two miles from the centre of this village, on Friday morning. She cut the throats of her children and then her own. She also slashed the throat of a third child, a boy, and while he is in an extremely critical condition it is thought that there may be a chance of saving his life. Mr. Carsten was outside with a friend at the time attending the stock, and was almost prostrated when apprised of the tragedy. It is believed that Mrs. Carsten was out of her mind.

RIVERS AT OTTAWA RISING.

Great Mills at the Chaudiere Closing Down.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Ottawa has three rivers and they are all rising rapidly. The great mills dependent upon power from the Chaudiere Falls are closing down, including the Booth and Eddy works. The water is two feet over the bridge on the Aylmer road, and the Hull Electric Railway is engaged in raising its tracks. At Gatineau Point the flood is universal. Many families have moved out. Those remaining have been driven to the upper storeys of their houses for shelter. Below the falls the Ottawa River is a raging whirlpool, which recalls the rapids of Niagara.

YOUNG FOOTPAD SENTENCED.

Term in Central as Penalty for Hold-up Near Beamsville.

A despatch from St. Catharines says: Jesse Strickler, the young man who held up ex-Warden Calder at the point of a revolver, on the road near Beamsville, last week, and afterwards compelled a boy to drive him to Beamsville Station, after firing several shots at his pursuers, was brought before Judge Carman on Wednesday, and pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to four months in the Central Prison, and if not deported before the expiration of his sentence he is to be given 48 hours to leave the country, or he will be rearrested and sentenced on a charge of shooting at Calder.

AN IMPUDENT BURGLARY.

Thieves Loot a Trunk in North Bay Police Station.

A despatch from North Bay says: North Bay police station was burglarized on Wednesday afternoon, the office door being forced, and a trunk opened, the loot including a number of "phoney" gold rings confiscated from a faker, several jack knives, and Chief Rayner's revolver. Wm. Flowers, released from jail on Tuesday, after serving a term for attempted housebreaking, was arrested while trying to sell some of the rings in Little Italy. A man named Freedlander, also released on Tuesday, after doing time for stealing whiskey from a C. P. R. car, was arrested as being implicated in the burglary.

Alberta farmers look for a record-breaking crop this year.

FOUR CHILDREN BURNED

Lamp Exploded While the Little Ones Were Being Put to Bed.

A despatch from Toronto says: Four children of Ernest Oldfield, a harnessmaker, of Wychwood Park, were burned to death on Thursday night in the bed in which they had been tucked away by their loving mother but a few minutes before. Mrs. Oldfield herself had a narrow escape, as did also her eldest boy, Ernest, and it was only by a miracle that the whole family was not wiped out. Mrs. Oldfield managed to save Ernest from death in the flames by throwing him from the upstairs window, and leaping after him to the ground, about ten feet below.

The frantic woman tried in vain to save her four younger children, who were huddled together in their bed in the room from which any chance of escape was cut off by the flames which were fast devouring the house. Many times she was driven back by the fierce heat, and as she felt herself being overcome by the smoke and heat she thought of the chance of saving at least one of her family. Seizing Ernest, who was by her side when she discovered the house on fire, she dropped him out of the window and quickly followed, just in time to save herself from a terrible death in the flames. All that remains of the four children are their little bodies burned to a crisp and totally unrecognizable, it being impossible for friends of the family to tell one from the other.

It was about 9.30 o'clock that Fred Lucas, a neighbor, passing along the Vaughan road, heard cries for help coming from the Oldfield home. As he rushed over he saw that the rear of the house was in flames. He tried to force the door, and just as he had succeeded Ernest Oldfield dropped from an upstairs window, closely followed by his mother, who cried piteously for someone to save her children. Had she not been restrained Mrs. Oldfield would have returned to the burning house through the door which Lucas had just a minute before forced in. She could not be persuaded to leave, but finally she was overcome and fell in a faint in the arms of Mr. Lucas, who made several heroic attempts to save the little ones, who met a terrible death in their bed in the upstairs room.

The dead children are: Charles, aged seven years; Albert, aged five years; William, aged three years; Edward, aged one year.

TWO CARS LEAVE RAILS.

Trainmen Injured in Wreck That Could Have Been Worse.

A despatch from North Bay says: No. 97 westbound C.P.R. express, with a big passenger list, met with an accident at Red Sucker, near Jackfish, 434 miles west of North Bay at 3 o'clock on Wednesday morning. From some unknown cause the baggage car and express car jumped the rails and plunged down the steep embankment, the engine and other cars fortunately staying on the rails. The express car was demolished and Messenger Demere, of Montreal, was severely injured, but will recover. Engineeer Ben Ward of White River was injured, but not seriously. Passengers were severely shaken up. Traffic was delayed eight hours.

ONE LEG AMPUTATED.

Accident to Mr. James Bain of Waterloo at Hamburg.

A despatch from Berlin, Ont., says: Mr. James Bain of Waterloo, ager 23, in attempting to board a moving train at Hamburg, on Monday, failed to get a hold, and, being thrown, sustained injuries which may result fatally. He was taken to New Hamburg, and one leg had to be amputated.

TO RUN INTO PORT ARTHUR.

Grand Trunk Pacific Conferring With City on Question.

A despatch from Montreal says: It was stated on Wednesday at the offices of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway that Mr. E. J. Chamberlin had gone to Port Arthur to confer with the city regarding the matter of the G. T. P. securing a route of entry there. In the meantime, in order that Port Arthur can be made the terminus of the Superior branch, arrangements may be made with the Canadian Northern to use their tracks from West Fort.

TO FIGHT STANDARD OIL.

The Scottish Companies Amalgamating.

A despatch from London says: The Scottish oil companies are discussing amalgamation to fight the Standard Oil Company, which has lowered prices. It is proposed to establish a central agency, whence the output of all the Scotch companies will be distributed. The promoters of the scheme believe this will enable the meeting of American competition.

TREATMENT OF INSANE.

300 Medical Men to See Methods at London Asylum.

A despatch from London says: Three hundred medical men from all over western Ontario are expected here on June 7 in response to invitations which are being sent out by Dr. Robinson, Superintendent of London Hospital for the Insane. Hon. Mr. Hanna is expected to be present and the idea is to show the work which is being done at the institution in the alleviation and cure of mental troubles.

Mr. Howard Armour, G.T.R. station agent at Cache Lake, was drowned while fishing.

TO INSURE THE UNEMPLOYED

Winston Churchill Announces a New Scheme in Britain.

A despatch from London says: In the House of Commons, on Wednesday, Winston Churchill, president of the Board of Trade, outlined the Government's scheme for establishing labor exchanges and State insurance against unemployment. The exchange will be designed to organize existing employment, and to furnish seekers after work information as to where it can be obtained. There will be about 230 exchanges throughout the country, with advisory committees representing employers and employes. The estimated cost of working this scheme is 200,000 pounds yearly for the first ten years and thereafter 170,000 pounds. A bill establishing the exchanges was introduced in the House on Thursday.

The insurance scheme will be dealt with at the next session. It will involve a compulsory contribution from employers and employes, in addition to a State grant as regards seven specified trades, in which unemployment is considerable and chronic. The scheme provides for benefits somewhat lower than those paid by the strongest trades unions. The Labor members gave the scheme a hearty reception as a whole, but criticized some of its details.

"WHEAT IS COMING UP"

The Season in the Prairie Province Is Not Late.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: "Wheat is coming up" is the welcome message the crop report of the Canadian Pacific Railway sends out this week. The weekly report of the company's agents along the system was compiled on Wednesday by Grain Agent Atcheson, and has the effect of wiping out all the ideas that the season is very late and the crops will not do well. In very few cases do the agents report the seeding delayed. In these instances it is on account of rain, which only means that the land will be in much better condition to receive the seed.

The weather throughout has been generally favorable and the rain that has fallen has been a blessing. It is what was wanted to give the wheat a start. The work of sowing the coarse grains has been commenced, and in many parts this seeding is very far advanced. Reports from Alberta show that as much as ninety per cent. of the oats and barley has been sown.

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PERSONALS.

Mr. H. S. Black of Montreal, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Black and Mr. C. D. Black and little son of Napanee, spent Victoria Day with their mother.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Thompson of Belleville spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Demill.

Mr. Harry Balfour of Albert College spent a few days with Mr. Geo. Ingham.

Mr. F. M. P. Watts and Miss Elma Watts were home from Toronto for the reunion.

Mrs. W. A. Potter and daughter of Mountain View were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. McCutcheon.

Miss Ethel Nurse and Miss Edith Peck of Belleville were guests at Mr. F. T. Ward's.

Mr. Clifford Sine and family spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. McManus.

Mrs. Geo. S. Chambers and daughter, Laura, and Mrs. R. J. Meyers and daughter, Marjorie, of Napanee, spent the 24th at Mr. Philip Conley's.

Misses A. and J. Martin of Campbellford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Haight for the holidays.

Mr. G. W. Jones of Merritton was home for the reunion.

Miss Annie Hoard of Toronto spent Sunday and Monday at home.

Mr. Will Bean came home from Toronto for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hutcheson and Master Arthur of Toronto have been visiting at Mrs. Wm. McCann's.

Miss Perle Spencer of Napanee has been the guest of Miss Edith McCann.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Mabee of Frankford were guests of Mrs. Wm. McCann on the 24th.

Rev. H. L. Phelps is spending the week with friends at Sturgeon Point.

Mr. Stanley Bird of Toronto is home for a week's vacation.

Mrs. W. F. Ashley was the guest of Mrs. S. Hatton for a few days.

Misses Minnie and Helen Shea of Toronto visited relatives and friends here from Saturday to Tuesday.

Mrs. F. A. Girdwood and little son of Perth are visiting her parents, Dr. J. S. and Mrs. Sprague.

Mrs. Hards of Buffalo is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Vandervoort, River Valley.

Messrs. W. F. and E. B. Ashley of Napanee and F. Ashley of Belleville were renewing acquaintances here on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Wiggins of Marmora spent the 24th with friends here.

Miss Freda Stothers of Ottawa was the guest of her sister, Miss M. E. Stothers, for a few days.

Miss Louie Martin was home from Albert College for the holiday.

Miss Scott of Napanee spent the holiday with her sister, Miss C. Scott.

Miss Ethel Green of Toronto was home for the celebration, and to attend the wedding of her brother, Capt. D. Green.

Miss Margaret Tulloch of Toronto was home for her sister's wedding on Tuesday.

Mrs. S. B. McGee of Belleville is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Spry.

A Maynooth correspondent writes: "The gold mine near Lake St. Peter is proving very rich. A gang of man are opening it up and sufficient ore is being taken out to pay for the development work. M. E. Fitzgerald is opening up a mine near Maynooth. He has a gang of men also working on it. He blasted out a nugget of pure silver, and has some nice samples of gold from the same property."—Madoc Review.

The tender leaves of a harmless lung-healing mountainous shrub, give to Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy its marvellous curative properties. Tight, tickling or distressing coughs quickly yield to the healing, soothing, action of this splendid prescription.—Dr. Shoop's Cough Remedy. And it is so safe and good for children, as well. Containing no opium, chloroform or other harmful drugs, mothers should in safety always demand Dr. Shoop's. If other remedies are offered, tell them No! Be your own judge! Sold by J. S. Morton.

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To Regular Advertisers.—Three lines and under, 25 cents each insertion; over three lines, 7c. per line. Matter set in larger than the ordinary type, 10c. per line.
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RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

Trains call at Stirling station as follows:—

GOING WEST.	GOING EAST.
Mail & Ex...6.03 a.m.	Passenger...10.27 a.m
Passenger...6.45 p.m.	Mail & Ex. 3.41 p.m

The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1909.

LOCAL MATTERS.

At the Stirling cheese board on Tuesday 570 boxes were offered. Sales were made of 440 at 12⅛c.

Several persons who used borrowed costumes on the 24th and have not yet returned them, are requested to do so at once.

Mr. Bert Potts left on Tuesday with a car load of horses for Saskatoon, Sask. This is the second car load of horses he has shipped to the west this spring.

St. John's church intend running an excursion to Twelve O'Clock Point in the near future, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend. Watch for the announcement of the date.

Messrs. W. R. Mather, L. Meiklejohn and R. P. Coulter were in Campbellford yesterday re electric light and power for this place from the Seymour Electric Light and Power Company.

There was a great demand for flags for decoration for the 24th, and one merchant, Mr. Jas. Buchanan, informs us that he sold over fifty dozen, and could not then supply the demand. Victoria Day is perhaps the most popular holiday of the year excepting Christmas.

Mr. R. P. Coulter has commenced the remodelling of the premises lately occupied by the Bank of Montreal, in order to fit it for the United Empire Bank of Canada. The building of a large fireproof vault is one of the first things to be done.

The brethren of Prince Edward district No. 13, A. F. & A. M. will attend service in Christ church, Belleville, on Sunday May 30th, at 3.30 p.m. The service is to be conducted by Bro. Rev. R. C. Blagrave, District Chaplain. An invitation is extended to Stirling brethren to be present.

The large number of Stirling Old Boys and Girls home for the 24th was evident in the greatly increased congregations at the church services Sunday. The Methodist church was filled at both services. Miss Mae Currie, who was home from Belleville for the holiday, gave two pleasing solos, "Let not your heart be troubled," and "Only waiting." In St. Andrew's church the congregation listened with pleasure to Mrs. Conger of Toronto, a former favorite soloist of this place.

Electric Light and Power

A public meeting of the citizens of Stirling will be held in the Opera House on Friday evening for the purpose of discussing the question of securing the introduction from Campbellford of electric power for lighting and power purposes. The Council have now a good opportunity to secure electric power from the Seymour Electric Power Co., and wish a full attendance of citizens to lay the matter before them, and secure their approval before proceeding with a by-law to raise the necessary funds. Let all citizens attend.

Conviction Upheld by Judge

Thos. Reid of Rawdon was fined $60 and costs for selling liquor without a license, and Mr. J. B. Mackenzie appealed to Mr. Justice Latchford to have the conviction quashed. In a judgment issued on Friday his Lordship, who remarked that Reid "seems to be a notorious offender against the license law," refused to quash the conviction.

COMMUNICATION

Sine, Ont., May 29th, 1909.

The Committee of Management of School Parade.

The teacher and parents of S. S. No. 6, Rawdon, wish to inform the above named committee that they refuse to accept the 3rd prize for both children and teacher which they so generously offered them.

The reasons for doing this are that we do not consider the children were examined according to dress, deportment or marching order, which in the letter received from the Chairman, were considered the three most essential points.

The people in general on the grounds could see and use judgment as well as the judges as to which were the neatest, best dressed, and in best marching order without instruction from teacher during parade. We were also led to believe that it was to be a school parade and not a society march. The ideas were not original, and did not require any thought from either children or teacher.

We must also consider that the children were not horses that were being judged, that the judges had to be placed in such an elevated position. And we would like to know why they were placed in the same position as if they were judging a horse race.

Another reason for taking this view of the subject is that we consider the judges should have been entire strangers to the community as well as the teachers, which we are inclined to believe was not the case.

Signed in behalf of parents of S. S. No. 6, Rawdon.

M. A. DILLON, Teacher.

Wellman's Corners

The Sunday School of the Methodist church here held its annual meeting on Thursday evening, May 13th. The following officers and teachers were elected for the coming year: Superintendent, John Pauley; assistant Supt., Charles Morton; Secretary, H. Hoover; assistant Sec., H. L. Mack; teacher of No. 1 Bible class, Mrs. Graham; No. 2, Mrs. Mason; Intermediate, Mrs. S. Snarr, teacher for No. 2 Intermediate not yet appointed: infant class, Mrs. T. Hubbell; Supt. of Home Department, Mrs. J. Snarr; visitors, Misses C. Sharp, R. Mack, L. Reid, and Mrs. H. Fanning; Organist, Miss Rebecca Mack.

Instead of the regular preaching service on the 16th, Mr. G. A. Johnson of Mt. Pleasant gave an instructive and interesting report of the great missionary convention at Toronto, to which he was a delegate.

Notwithstanding that the person who was to have given the topic at the Epworth League on Tuesday was unavoidably absent, the society had a most pleasant meeting. There was some uncommonly fine music from the League, and Mr. Evans gave a splendid solo. Slips of paper were distributed on which were 14 questions from the book of Genesis. A small prize was given to the two who answered the most questions correctly.

The Women's Institute held their regular meeting at the residence of Mrs. French on the afternoon of the 20th. There were eleven members and four visitors present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Miss Emma Rainnie gave a fine paper, the subject being "Sabbath Observance." Mrs. Todd gave an interesting reading, and there was music by Mrs. French and Mrs. H. Fanning. A resolution was moved expressing sympathy for Mrs. Thos. Brennan and family for the loss of their baby, also a resolution expressing the regret of the Society to Miss Evelyn Matthews, that she still continues so ill, and conveying to the family sympathy in their recent bereavement. The collection for the Sick Children's Hospital was 50c. The following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs. T. Hubbell; Vice-Pres., Mrs. C. W. Dracup; Secretary, Mrs. J. Snarr; Librarian, Miss Jessie Watson; assistant Librarian, Miss Emma Rainnie. The next meeting being the annual one, will be held in the Orange Hall on the 25th of June. Miss Gilholm and Miss Powell, of the Guelph Agricultural College, will give addresses in the afternoon and evening, and the ladies have arranged a good program of music, etc., for both meetings. The gentlemen are invited for the evening meeting, and the ladies have selected subjects which they believe will be interesting to them. All are cordially welcome. Mrs. Allen of Allen's Mills, and Mrs. Kelly of Sidney Crossing, were present and some hints were given by them as to the working of the Institute branches in their locality. Two names were added to the membership roll. After the usual vote of thanks to the hostess and untertainers the meeting closed with the singing of the national anthem.

Mr. Alex. Johnston is very ill of pneumonia, but his condition is somewhat improved.

Mr. Lorne Wellman is home from Toronto University.

Mrs. Allen is the guest of her son, Mr. Purvis Allen.

Mrs. Kelly of Sidney is visiting Mrs. French.

Of course everybody from here went to Stirling for the celebration on the 24th.

The Orangemen of this place intend holding a monster celebration here on the 12th of July.

Misses Rosa and Coza Bateman of Stirling were visiting the Misses Sharp last week.

Miss V. Sharp of Mt. Pleasant is the guest of her cousin, Miss Grace Sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Fanning of Wellington were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fanning on Sunday.

Mrs. Hubbs of Wellington was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fanning.

A young lady in Stirling was heard to say "What won't they have at Wellman's Corner's next I wonder." It is quite safe to say we won't have any liquor shops, but what we will have is ice cream on Tuesday and Friday evenings. The ice cream parlors at W. Anderson's are already in operation.

Sayings of Gipsy Smith

The noted evangelist, Gipsy Smith, has been holding meetings in Massey Hall, Toronto, for two weeks, and this large building has been packed full every evening. The following are extracts from one of his sermons:

"St. Matthew, chapter 7, verse 22: "What Shall I Do With Jesus?"

"It was Pilate's question yesterday. It is yours to-day."

"The man or woman who will treat the Saviour Jesus badly will treat somebody else badly some day.

"When you shut Jesus out of your life you are shutting out goodness.

"You cannot be truly useful unless you answer this question as you should.

"Is there any one in this city to-day with a burden lifted because you live in this city?

"Have you ever heard from some pale lips 'God bless you?'

"Are there any turned into the path of righteousness because you led them by the hand?

"Have you wiped any tears from sorrow's face, and have you taught grief to sing?

"With all your flash and dash, with all your fashion, your money, your jewels and equipages, some of you will die, and God will write on your coffin as you are carried out to eternity four letters, F-O-O-L, and one who dies a fool will be a fool forever.

"The world wants to make a millionaire of the man who will invent a new sensation.

"England not long ago went mad over diabolo, which was two sticks, a bit of string and a spool.

"A soul playing with a bit of string and calling it happiness.

"Don't you see how small you have been?

"Oh, Lord, open our eyes.

"There is a certain amount of gratification in sin, but gratification is not peace.

"You will go up or down according to your relationship with Jesus Christ.

'If your usefulness, character, happiness and destiny are to be settled by the answer to 'What will I do with Jesus?' what will you have to say?

"When you come to Christ it will not be Mr. Somebody has come to be a sinner. It will be a sinner has come to be Mr. Somebody.

"I want you, and God wants you, to act so that some day you will not be ashamed of your own conduct.

"You may turn your back on Jesus forever, but that means night—lone, deep, dark, starless night."

Letter of Condolence

To Mrs. J. C. Arthurs.

DEAR MADAM — We, the officers and members of L.O.L. No. 110, desire to convey to you our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the sad hour of bereavement. You have lost a kind and loving husband; we, a true and trusted brother who had been with our Lodge a good many years. Bound as we are in Christian brotherhood your sorrow is our sorrow. Our prayer is that God, who saw fit to take your loved one to His eternal home, may give you grace sufficient to overcome your sorrow and to say "Thy will be done," and we pray that we may all be so guided that when we are called away we shall be prepared to meet together in that grand lodge above, where parting is no more. We desire to bear testimony to our departed brother's Christian character and life in the lodge and community.

O thou who hast gone from thy place;
We know thou art safe, thou art His;
We faint for but one sight of thy face,
And yet it is all as it is.
Thy life that was blessing to us
We cannot, we dare not forget;
The life that was blessing to thee
We cannot, we dare not regret.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge,
G. W. ANDERSON, W.M.
E. A. MORROW, D.M.
G. E. MORROW, Rec. Sec.

Card of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Sine desire to express their sincere thanks and appreciation of the kindness of their neighbors and friends in rendering assistance during the illness and at the death of Mr. Sine's mother.

Married

GREEN—TULLOCH—On May 25th, at the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. R. P. Byers, M.A., B.D., Darius R. Green, to Miss Helen Tulloch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Tulloch, all of Stirling.

Died

MARTIN—In Rawdon, on May 22nd, Lizzie E., wife of Mr. George Martin, aged 25 years, 7 months and 25 days.

JOHNSTON—In Rawdon, on May 23rd, Robt. Johnston, aged 59 years and 9 months.

Lost

On Saturday, a Collie Dog, black and yellow. Any person returning him to Whitty's livery will be suitably rewarded.
JOHN BARROW.

For Sale

An eight-room brick House, in a good state of repair, on the south side of Church street, Stirling.

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W. J. GRAHAM.

Dressmaking

Ladies' wishing Dressmaking done on short notice, call on
MRS. STEWART,
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Recruits Wanted

For Stirling Company, 49th Regiment, to go to camp at Kingston on June 15th. Apply to MAJOR T. H. MCKEE, or to
36-4 D. R. GREEN, Captain.

JUDICIAL SALE

Pursuant to the judgment made on the 5th day of March, A.D. 1909, in the High Court of Justice in the matter of the estate of James Wilson Anderson, there will be sold by Public Auction, with the approbation of the Local Master at Belleville, at his Chambers in the Shire Hall, in the city of Belleville, on Monday, the 21st day of June, 1909, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the following real estate:

Being part of the north-east part of Lot number 19, in the Fifth concession of the township of Rawdon, in the county of Hastings, containing about 2½ acres, being the premises owned by the late James Wilson Anderson, upon which the post office of Wellman's Corners and the store occupied by the said deceased is situate.

Upon the property is erected a large frame building, occupied as a store and dwelling house, and a small barn and stable.

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UPWARD AND OUTWARD VISION

The Preacher Makes a Plea for an Ennobling View of Life.

Lift up your eyes on high.—Isaiah xl., 26.

In days when men are looking into earthly things with eager and penetrating vision, these words come to us with special force and meaning.

The man who always looks down cannot aspire. There is a purpose in our noble aspirations. The unattained beckons us onward. 'To look up means to lift up. "'Tis not what man does which exalts him," says Browning, "but what man would do." Our standard will rise higher and higher as we go from strength to strength. Our longings fortell our destiny.

We must look down at times to get a clear idea of life's details, but if we wish to see their proper relation to the great issues of life

WE MUST LOOK UP.

If we simply look at our feet, how limited becomes our vision! By lifting up our eyes on high, we see the vast arch that spans the heavens. It is then we see with Emerson "what majestic beauties daily wrap us in their bosom," or with Ruskin study "The mystery of distant mountain blue," hear with Tennyson the sea waves break upon "The cold gray stones," or stand entranced with Newton until the stars rise.

Isaiah calls men to look at the stars because man's vision broadens as it lengthens. This wider view enables us to understand the ways of God and the proper relation of the lesser to the greater issues of life. Here we find inspiration for our noblest endeavors. This upward and outward vision will often explain the mystery of trouble and the great perplexities of life. It does not require a large object to hide the wide landscape from our view if we stand close enough to it. To understand the things of to-day we must get a right view of them. We see them best from above. Paul saw them from the proper perspective when he said: "All things work together for good to them that love God."

How it ennobles our work when we realize that it is part of

THE GREAT PLAN OF GOD!

By bringing our loftiest visions to bear upon the practical things of life, we learn to do our best work and bring forth evidences of the divinity within us. Our work will not be merely for time, but for eternity. In that way we may become one of the "immortals."

The great Hebrew poet's sublime conception of man shall yet be realized: "Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands." By lifting up our eyes on high we shall better understand both man and God and learn to appreciate more fully life here and life hereafter.

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THE S. S. LESSON

INTERNATIONAL LESSON, MAY 30.

Lesson IX. Believing and Doing. James 2: 14-26. Golden Text, James 2: 20.

Introduction.—In the famous definition of faith, "Faith is the substance (R.V., 'assurance') of things hoped for, the evidence (R.V., 'proving') of things not seen" (Heb. 11: 1), two seemingly opposite elements of life are set forth: substance and hope, or evidence and invisibility, or actuality and ideality. So much in the world and the universe is mysterious and incomprehensible that belief, trusting faith, is called for at every turn; and yet that belief must lead to positive deeds, to things that can be seen and handled, or life is fruitless and vain.

I. James and His Epistle.—What disciples named James are found in the New Testament? There are three:

1. James the son of Zebedee, sometimes called the Great. He was the brother of John, was very close to Jesus at the crisis of his life, and was the first of the twelve to suffer martyrdom (Acts 12: 2).

2. James the son of Alphaeus, one of the twelve apostles, probably a brother of Matthew, who also is called the son of Alphaeus. He is usually identified with James the Little (or the Less), and nothing is known of his life.

3. James the brother of our Lord, the author of the Epistle.

II. Faith and Work: the Problem Stated.—V.14. How does the passage we are to study spring from the preceding parts of the Epistle? James has been speaking of those that take credit to themselves for hearing the law and observing the outward forms of religion, while at the same time they bow down before the rich and scorn the poor. In this passage he goes on to insist that all such religion is empty, a mere profession of faith without the deeds that prove it.

III. Faith without Works.—Vs. 15-17. How does James illustrate the emptiness of this formal religion? By imagining Christians, men or women, who are destitute of common necessities, food and clothing. They are fellow Christians, with the claims of brotherhood and sisterhood in Christ that should move all church members to help them. And here comes one of these empty "professors" and graciously says, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled, but does nothing for them. The 'depart' is plainly from the heart, and the 'in peace' is manifestly cant.

IV.—Faith in Works.—Vs. 18-25. What sort of man does James imagine coming into the discussion? Any man of common sense and piety, who sees the folly of the man of v. 16, and addresses him.

V. The Solution of the Problem.—V. 26. How does James close the discussion? With a forcible simile: As the body without (literally, "apart from") the spirit is dead, so faith without ("apart from") works is dead also. James does not enter into the question which must come first, faith or works. It is perfectly plain that he considers both to be necessary (see also v. 24). So does Paul. There is no contradiction between the two, only a difference of emphasis.

DO WHAT YOU BELIEVE.

1. The Power of Faith. Faith is at the basis of all advance, in science, commerce, government, civilization. It is the drawing of the unseen ideal that allures men from the beaten paths out into new and better ways. Without faith, the world of human activity would come to a standstill.

2. The necessity of Works. We are constantly in danger, even in this practical age, of relying on words, which are the mere expression of faith and belief, and failing to put those words into practice. We need, as much as the men of James's day, to learn that such faith, or, rather, such an expression and pretense of faith, is a dead thing.

WAS STRENUOUS LOVER.

How William the Conqueror Won His Royal Bride.

William the Conqueror, when he was only the Duke of Normandy, had fallen in love with the Princess Mathilde of Flanders. She was proud and haughty and had refused the noble lovers who were anxious to win her hand. The wily Norman studied her character carefully, and when he had mapped out his plan of campaign he rode into the town one day when she, at the head of a party, was going from church. He sprang from his horse by her side, boxed her ears soundly, pulled her off her steed, rolled her vigorously in the mud, told her that he loved her, and rode away. The astonished princess was infuriated, and swore all kinds of vengeance. After her rage cooled down, however, she said to her father that, upon reflection, she had come to the conclusion that the only man who could treat Mathilde of Flanders in that manner should be her husband. They were married, and the union turned out to be one of the happiest marriages in the history of royalty.

LIVES WITH HALF A STOMACH.

Surgeons Cut Man's Stomach Into Sections.

Charles H. Dean, a patient at the City Hospital, St. Louis Mo., has only half a stomach, yet he must eat six times a day or suffer from the pangs of hunger. At each meal, however, he can only eat half the amount of food to which he has been accustomed.

Surgeons recently cut Dan's stomach into three sections and removed the middle section because of a cancerous growth. The two outside sections were then sewed together and the patient is well on the way to recovery. The operation leaves him with only 45 per cent. of his original stomach, and consequently his food capacity is a little less than half what it originally was.

No American President has ever served for more than two terms. Ten have been re-elected.

PLEA FOR CANADIAN NAVY

UNDER DIRECTION OF THE BRITISH ADMIRALTY.

D. D. Mann, Esq., Vice-President Canadian Northern R. R., in National Magazine.

(Continued.)

(Concluded.)

The pact that keeps armed vessels off the Great Lakes must never be broken. But the example of the United States in using the Lakes, even as far as Duluth, the western extremity of Lake Superior, as training grounds for her naval youth, should be followed. The farther you are from the salt water the less likely are you to appreciate the importance of the oceans to the development of your national commerce. The greater is the need, therefore, of utilizing the lakes to show your people that the carriage of ore and wheat in twelve-thousand-ton boats, is not the whole extent of your navigable interests.

In front of the Parliament Buildings in Toronto is a gun taken in the Crimean War. At Detroit recently I saw a gunless United States cadet ship—it was taken from the Spaniards. We cannot put such an advertisement of modern British naval history on the Lakes; because observant nations have been too wise to collide with Dreadnoughts. But we can find some means of repeating, on the Lakes, what has been done on the lawn in Queen's Park, and in other similar places. Where an out-of-date gunboat might be an irritant, some modern Arethusa might speedily provoke our naval emergence. Whatever the form, we must have the substance of naval training on the Lakes. Literally, we must teach the young idea to shoot.

TRAINING STATIONS.

There must also be, of course, training stations on the eastern and western coasts. Halifax and Esquimalt are available. Nova Scotia has ideal marine conditions. British Columbia has, potentially, a great part to play in the Pacific. In winter the youngsters who had spent the summer on the Lakes would be sent, some to the Atlantic, and some to the Pacific, to become masters of navigation by cruises to Europe, to the West Indies, to Australia and Japan. When Canadian warships are brought to Canadian coasts they must be equal with the best. We have observed the naming of battleships after countries in Britain, as we have seen the naming of similar United States vessels after different States of the Union. The propogandist tendency of patriotism has been born in us, as well as in the other English speaking peoples.

The question of control—of relation to the Imperial Navy—is not difficult of solution. It may appear difficult to eyes accustomed to the measure of redtape, and to men of little faith in the cementing power of blood. In the first place, we should get our instructors from Great Britain. Even those who were not exactly delighted with the Imperial officers' part in the Boer war glory in the unqestioned preeminence of the British seaman. We know that, whoever would be loaned to us, would realize the difference between getting our instructors from England, and taking instructions from the same source. A very little tact, and capacity to excite enthusiasm would imbue every Canadian cadet and seaman with the splendid traditions of the Navy, and make them feel their partnership in it. In peace times, everything would depend on the good sense of all parties to the arrangement—which is true of all political ententes.

DISCIPLINE OF WARFARE.

But, as in peace you prepare for war, must not your plans, from the beginning, be based on the assumption that, at any moment, the discipline of warfare may become imperative? Somebody must give orders and somebody must obey. What would Canada do then? How are you to avoid the danger that would rise from the virtual independence of the Canadian navy? For does not independence mean possible neutrality, and, therefore, possible hostility?

Admits the apparent anomaly, and there is no need for alarm. Happily, against the fears of the littlefaiths, we have the experience of the centuries. The presence of the Canadian contingent in South Africa was not surprising to us. We forsaw it, even when Lord Lansdowne was declining colonial aid. We knew it would happen, even when Sir Wilfrid Laurier was backing up his own views with the plea that there was not Parliamentary provision for participating in a quarrel seven thousand miles away.

It must not be supposed, though, that Canada beforehand, will unreservedly pledge herself to fight for Britain.

The partnership idea has not yet reached that point of sacrificing every principle on which her national development thus far has been founded. If there are Canadian advocates of such a pledge they are in a hopeless minority. Nobody would dream of Great Britain making a treaty with the United States in reference to Canada, without consulting Canada. Canada has no formal, constitutional locus in negotiations between Great Britain and the United States. But, in practice, she is at Washington all the time; and we have lived to see the British Ambassador to the United States paying a visit to Ottawa and addressing public audiences in Canadian cities.

COLONIAL ATTITUDE.

It is quite safe to leave open the question of whether a Canadian navy would have to fight in every British quarrel, for the double reason that the Foreign Minister and the Cabinet in London are Imperial statesmen, and Canada is not a Crown colony. In dealing with foreign affairs generally, the Imperial cabinet inevitably considers the probable attitude of the overseas dominions towards any impending crisis. Anything on such a matter it does not know, it can easily find out, for the telegraph practically places the council chamber of every one of the overseas dominions next door to the Council Chamber at Whitehall.

The question of agreement with, or hostility to the Mother Country in any international quarrel, could never be governed by any hard and fast compulsion to fight in the Mother Country's cause. If the Mother Country could not win the sympathy of her kith and kin in her quarrel that would be a very strong presumption that her quarrel was not worth powder and shot. We are aware that sometimes war has to be risked secretly. But the risk is not so great as it seems, for no European powers will risk a serious war on some matter about which public feeling has not been roused. Wars are not made any more in the back parlors of irresponsible autocrats.

With the recent experience of southeastern Europe before us—an experience which, fifty years ago, would have resulted in war first and discussion afterwards—we are quite willing to take our chances of agreement with the Mother Country without a formal contract being entered into beforehand. And, as we should expect that the commanding officers would be selected because of their capacity to command, we should not be afraid to take our fighting instructions from such chiefs. When the time came it would be seen that the loyalty of the French-Canadian, of the American, of the Galician—of all the one-time aliens—would be transfused into a loyalty to the Empire which is greater than us all.

POSTSCRIPT.

The foregoing was written at the suggestion of friends, after some remarks of mine at a public gathering in Victoria, before the disclosures of the naval situation as between Great Britain and Germany and led to the remarkable outburst of patriotism throughout the Empire. The Dominion Government, at the time of writing, is being urged to offer Dreadnoughts to the Mother Country, a method of showing our devotion to Imperial interests which I heartily approve. This development does not change my views—it only accentuates them. The chief naval necessity for Canada is still training schools for her youth; and the provision of one, two or three battleships would do much to stimulate the naval spirit of which I have written. But it should be expressly stipulated that any vessels so provided by Canada would be lent to the Admiralty until our own crews are ready to man them. The knowledge that ships were provided in this way would perhaps do more than anything else to achieve the creation of a Canadian navy.

Toronto, March, 1909.

TO LEGALIZE 1,000 WEDDINGS.

The marriages took place at the ancient church of St. Peters' Stantonlow, England, recently of two of the couples who should have been married at St. James', Stantonbury, the church which, it was recently discovered, was not registered for marriages when it was consecrated fifty years ago. To legalize the thousand or so weddings which have taken place in the church during its existence a special Act of Parliament will have to be passed. People from all the surrounding districts congregated at St. Peter's to witness the recent ceremonies. In order to destroy the overwhelming odor of old oak and decaying stone incense had been burnt.

EASILY VINDICATED.

Two Frenchmen had a quarrel and challenged each other to fight. On the morning fixed for the duel they and their seconds tramped through the woods to the spot selected, on reaching which one of the principals—the challenger—tripped and fell.

His second helped him to his feet.

"I hope you are not much hurt?" said his antagonist.

"Not much—I only bumped my nose on the ground."

"Does it bleed?"

"Yes, a little."

"Heaven be praised! Blood has been shed, and my honor is vindicated! Give me your hand, my friend!"

The Home

SEASONABLE RECIPES.

To Prepare Pineapple—After cutting it into small pieces sprinkle sufficiently with sugar, then cover with boiling water, and let stand in a cold place for several hours. This forms a delicious syrup, bringing out the full flavor of the fruit.

French Horseradish—To one-half cup of grated horseradish add one teaspoon of flour, mix with t little cold water until like a smooth paste, then add enough boiling broth from beef, and boil for about five minutes, until thick. Good with beef.

Cream Dressing.—Two tablespoonfuls of butter melted. Add flour; work together, a light brown; stir well with wire whisk; add cupful of cream or rich milk; keep smooth; strain hot over tomatoes and toast. Serve as a vegetable.

Flemish Carrots.—Boil six or eight large carrots, peel about one dozen small onions, cut the carrots in dice the size of onions, and cook together till tender with a sprig of parsley chopped fine. Turn off water and add a pint of milk and one-third cup of butter, season with salt and pepper and serve hot.

For Whip Cream. — Take the whites of three eggs beaten to a stiff froth. Add pint of rich, thick cream (cold), with three tablespoonfuls of fine white sugar and a teaspoonful of lemon juice. Mix and whip to a standing froth. May be made with any fruit in season.

Tomato Creole.—Cut in slices, not too thick, six large tomatoes; place in buttered baking pan, sprinkle each slice with finely chopped sweet green peppers, one teaspoon of chopped onion, two tablespoonfuls of butter in small pieces placed on each slice. Season with salt and paprika; bake in oven twenty minutes, then lift the tomato slices on warm rounds of toast.

Rhubarb Cobbler.—Line a dish with rich thick crust; take some nice stalks of fresh rhubarb, wash well, but do not strip. Cut in one inch pieces and put in sugar to taste. Stir it slightly and put it in the lined dish. Cover with rich thick crust and bake a rich brown. When done break up the top crust into small pieces and stir into the rhubarb. Place whip cream on top and serve.

Whole Preserved Pineapple. — Carefully wash the fruit, trim the lower leaves, and trim away most of the crown. Cover it. After the pine is cooled, peel it and weigh it. An equal weight of sugar is put into a deep kettle just large enough to contain the pine, with a gill of water to each pound. Boil and skim until it becomes a clear syrup. In this boil the pine twenty minutes, then cool and put with the syrup into a glass jar and seal air tight.

Spanish Meat Balls.—Mix one pound chopped beef with one beaten egg, salt, pepper, and cornmeal to make a stiff mass, then shape into little balls and roll in cornmeal. In a deep kettle put a tablespoonful of butter and one of flour. Add one onion chopped fine, one chili pepper, some parsley, two tomatoes, sliced fine, and salt. Put two quarts of boiling water on the stove and boil five minutes. Then drop in the meat balls and boil forty-five minutes.

Red Tomato Jam.—This jam is only to be tried to be appreciated. To every pound of ripe tomatoes allow a pound of sugar. Scald the tomatoes and remove the skins. Cut open the fruit and remove the seeds. Put the fruit and sugar together in a pan and add the juice of two lemons to every three pounds of fruit and sugar and a small teaspoonful of ground ginger. Crush the fruit with a wooden spoon and mix the whole well together. Boil slowly three hours, keeping it well stirred and skimmed.

WORTH KNOWING.

To mend holes in linoleum on the floor, cut a piece of linoleum to cover the hole; lay over the hole and mark with a pencil; cut on line with sharp knife; put in patch and tack around the edges.

To open packages of breakfast food and keep boxes in a dust-proof condition until empty, make an opening in side of box close to top by forcing a tablespoon through cardboard and turn flap downwards. The flap will fit back snugly in place each time package is used.

When the seats of old porch chairs or settees are worn out remove and get plain linoleum and tack on with brass tacks. Paint the same color as chair. This is much more comfortable and stands the weather much better than the wooden seats bought at the stores.

Hint to Washerwomen. — When you're ready to buy a new oil cloth for your table take your old one and cut it up for aprons. Have it cover the whole front of your skirt and make a large bib on it and you will find when you are through washing that you will be as dry as you were before you began.

To Wash Grained Woodwork.—Take half a pail of hot water, add half pound of soap chips, boil until dissolved. Take from fire, add one pint of kerosene, then boil five minutes longer. Add quarter of this to half pailful of warm water. Wash woodwork thoroughly, wipe dry, and lastly use good flannel rag to polish with. This is excellent.

How to Use Tucks.—Cut off the long strips of tucks which are usually found in the backs of shirtwaists. These make neat trimming when sewed upon the collars and cuffs of house dresses, simulating the little "turn over" sets. These may be also used to strengthen the yokes of nightgowns. Cut into the desired lengths and placed between strips of insertion whole yokes and cuffs may be made.

Old woodwork that is so hard to keep clean can be made to look like new grained wood by first painting it with a cream colored paint to give it a body alike, and when dry go over it with a dark oak varnish stain. With a little practice it can be made to look like grained wood. As the varnish dries quickly it leaves it darker in some places. Any old furniture can be treated in the same way.

How to Wash Quilts.—Dissolve a bar of white soap in a cupful of water. Run into your bath tub sufficient warm water to cover one quilt; make a good suds, put in the quilt, and let soak a few minutes. Do not rub, but use the washboard, top end down, to press or pound out the dirt. Never wring, but with the washboard press out the water. Rinse several times. When you have pressed out as dry as you can, pin the quilt closely on the line to drain. When thoroughly dry, whip with the carpet beater until fluffy, before removing from the line. This method is especially fine for tied quilts. The bath tub preferred because of shape and water convenience.

TO REMOVE STAINS.

Hang a card on the wall over the tubs with the following directions plainly written:

Remove stains of fresh fruits with boiling water; cocoa and blood, cold water; grass and machine oil, cold water and soap.

Red wine and ink—Warm chlorine water.

Varnish and oil paints—Turpentine and soap.

Iron rust and ink—Weak solution of oxalic acid (one tablespoonful to one glass of water).

Coal tar or wagon grease — Lard, then soap; wash alternately with water and turpentine.

Boil all dainty white cloths in strong pillow cases. This saves much wear and tear.

TWO-STORY CLOSED BED.

The Breton Peasant Has a Handy Piece of Furniture.

A recent visitor to Brittany describes the two-story closed bed of the Breton peasant, in many cases a richly carved and ornamented heirloom, and always highly prized.

One day the visitor was expressing her admiration of a certain "lit-clos," when madame pulled the sliding panels apart, and revealed the figure of her husband sleepily rubbing his eyes and wanting to know what was the matter. She calmly explained to him that the visitor wanted to see the inside of the bed, and then explained to the visitor that her good man had been out fishing since dawn, and was very tired.

The visitor begged him to close the panels and go to sleep again, which he immediately did, but not before she noticed he was fully dressed. It seems that the Breton peasant always disappears into the "lit-clos" fully dressed, and always emerges therefrom in the same condition.

While her husband slept, madame enlarged on the advantages of a "lit-clos" in bringing up a family.

"I have had six children," she said, "and when they were little I used to put three in the top story and three in the bottom, then close the panels and leave them with an easy mind."

A GAS-ENGINE WARSHIP.

The British Admiralty have made a test of the producer gas engine for naval purposes, which has resulted very satisfactorily. An old British gunboat of 715 tons displacement was used, and a 500-horsepower producer gas engine was installed in place of the steam engine formerly used. The displaced steam engine weighed 150 tons, where the gas plant weighed only 94 tons. It was found by actual experiment that fully 50 per cent. of the fuel was saved, the vessel was without vibration or noise, no smokestacks were exposed, and there were a number of other decided advantages which commended themselves strongly to the naval experts. The result was that another vessel is being built double the size. There are some problems connected with cooling the piston and piston rod which require careful study and experimentation before large engines are introduced.

In Japan the annual value of fish and other marine products taken from the sea is £10,416,000.

The man who can't button his coat hasn't clothes enough to go round.

A QUESTION OF HEALTH

Without Rich, Red Blood You Cannot be Healthy—How to Obtain This Blessing.

If every woman and young girl would realize the danger of allowing the blood to become thin and poor, would understand that the majority of common diseases are caused by an anaemic (or bloodless) condition, that persistent pallor means that the blood is not furnishing the organs with the required amount of nourishment, there would be awakened interest in the tonic treatment with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Thin blood means starved nerves, weakened digestion, functional disorders; headaches, frequently neuralgia, sciatica and even partial paralysis. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills build up the blood, repair waste and prevent and check disease. They fill the system with rich, red blood which means good health and life.

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These Pills are sold by all medicine dealers or you can get them by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

MONUMENTS TO POTATOES.

Statues of Sir Francis Drake Erected in German Cities.

"When I was in Germany last year," said a man who travels, "I saw some people who like potatoes even better than I do. At any rate they erect statues to them.

"Offenberg was the first city to erect a monument of this kind. The upper part consists of a statue of Sir Francis Drake, who introduced the plant into Europe. This, as well as the pedestal, is draped with garlands of the potato vine, with full grown tubers.

"On the pedestal on one side is Sir Francis Drake's name, the second side explains what a blessing the potato has been to mankind, the third records that the statue is the gift of a certain Andrew Frederick of Strasburg, the fourth contains the names of the erectors. A statue similar to this is placed in the town of Murz, and I have been told that there are other copies in many small towns."

COMFORT FOR MOTHERS; HEALTH FOR CHILDREN

Baby's Own Tablets will promptly cure indigestion, colic, constipation, diarrhoea and teething troubles, destroy worms, break up colds and thus prevent deadly croup. This medicine contains no poisonous opiates or narcotics, and may be given with absolute safety to a new-born child. Mrs. C. L. Manery, Leamington, Ont., says: "My baby suffered from colic and constipation so badly that we did not know what it was to get a good night's rest. But since giving him Baby's Own Tablets the trouble has disappeared, and he now sleeps well. The action of the Tablets is gentle yet very effective." Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

SO PEG AWAY.

'Tis not the great conceited,
Who think themselves unique,
And blow their own big trumpet
With such amount of cheek,
Who score the greatest triumphs
In warehouse, mill, or shop;
It is the silent plodder
Who oft comes out on top.

'Tis not, in competition,
Where many enter in,
The man who thinks, "Whoever
May enter, I shall win,"
Who carries off the glory
When those who're beaten stop;
The unassuming rival
So oft comes out on top.

So peg away, ye toilers,
Whate'er your task may be;
There's every hope to cheer you,
As far as man can see.
You never know the moment,
Until the curtains drop,
That you may be successful,
And yet come out on top.

Timman (meeing an old friend after a long absence)—"Hello, Sims! Fancy meeting you. Why, I heard you were ill!" "No; it was my brother—not me." "Dear, dear! I'm sorry to hear that."

"THE WIDOW" OF FRANCE

ANECDOTES OF "M. DE PARIS" AND HIS "ASSISTANT."

The Deibler Family Has Had Three Generations of Executioners in France.

In the eyes of thousands of French people, the public executioner is almost as famous a person as the President. In one respect he is superior to the latter, for his post is hereditary. Three generations of Deiblers have been in succession master of the ceremonies at the ghastly operations of "The Widow," as Parisians jocularly nickname the guillotine.

To-day Anatole Deibler, owing to the fact that it was his privilege recently to preside at the beheading of four desperate bandits, after France had been without an execution for three years, is a popular hero, whom the thousands of holiday-makers at Bethune cheered to the echo.

"MONSIEUR DE PARIS."

This, however, was something out of the ordinary. Anatole's father, Louis, the most famous member of the Deibler family, was accustomed to a very different style of reception. The crowd used to hoot and yell curses at him when he appeared on the guillotine platform, though without ever making any apparent effect on the quiet little man, commonly known as "Monsieur de Paris." He merely went on with his preparations as if completely oblivious of the fact that a howling mob a few yards away would gladly tear him limb from limb, if they only had the opportunity.

He had scores of weird experiences on the scaffold. The last execution in which he took part was a most uncanny affair. An Italian named Carrara was to be beheaded for the brutal murder of a bank clerk, in which he had been assisted by his wife. The condemned man was confident that he would be reprieved.

The shock was so great when he learned, an hour or two before the time appointed for his execution, that he was to die, that he had a violent heart seizure, and sank into a state of collapse. The doctors certified that the man still breathed, but it was to all appearances a lifeless form which Deibler and his assistants dragged to the guillotine, and the knife fell to the accompaniment of cries of "You are beheading a corpse!" Most of the persons who were present on that occasion are positive that Carrara had actually died before the guillotine was reached.

SMOKING ON THE SCAFFOLD.

Murderers differ in their demeanor on the scaffold in the most extraordinary way, and the members of the Deibler family could relate hundreds of examples of this. For instance, Prumier, a youth of twenty-three, who murdered an old woman of seventy, and was executed at Beauvais, kept up a running fire of chaff at Louis Deibler, and puffed a cigarette as he walked to the guillotine.

Very different was Deibler's experience at his first exectuion. Laprade, the murderer to be guillotined, was a youth of twenty, who tried to kill his father, mother, and grandmother with a gun, and, having only succeeded in wounding them, finished his victims off with a sickle and the butt end of the gun.

He was a man of very powerful physique, and fought like a maniac with Deibler when the latter attempted to thrust him into position below the knife of "The Widow." Laprade refused to submit, until finally Deibler and his men were compelled to render him insensible by knocking him down. In another minute the guilotine had performed its gruesome task.

Sudden remorse on the part of the criminal at the very last moment has led to the Deiblers becoming the recipients of many remarkable confessions. A Paris Apache, on the scaffold, once begged Deibler to take certain little trinkets to his sweetheart after the execution, and "Monsieur de Paris," who was by no means callous at heart, faithfully discharged the mission, and also tried to comfort the wretched girl by assuring her that her lover had gone to his death without flinching.

The Deiblers, in carrying out the law's most dread decree, have come in contact with dozens of men whose crimes have horrified Europe. To mention only a few of them, the name of the notorious Marchandon instantly recurs to the memory. He was a Paris butler, holding a splendid position; but the lust of gold corrupted him, and he murdered his rich old mistress one night in her mansion in the Rue de Seze. His crime was brought home to him, and when Louis Deibler met him on the scaffold he was a cringing coward, who crawled, rather than walked.

PRADO, THE DESPERADO.

Then there was Prado, a notorious desperado, who for years posed as a guide, and swindled anyone who was foolish enough to confide in him. He persuaded a woman who had a magnificent collection of jewellery to fall in love with him, and then murdered her for the sake of her precious stones. He was caught two months later, and the last man he spoke to was Louis Deibler. "'Monsieur de Paris,'" he said, as he was taken to the guillotine, "I bear you no grudge."

The notorious Gabrielle Bompard's confederate, Eyrand, was guillotined by Louis Deibler. Eyrand, most people will remember, was assisted by Bompard in strangling a process-server. His body they hid in a trunk bought in the Euston Road, London, and they eventually took it to the South of France, where they deposited it in a field near Lyons. Afterwards they took ship to Havana, but were caught, Eyrand being sentenced to death, and the woman Bompard to a term of imprisonment.

Like his son, Anatole, Louis Deibler was of a very retiring disposition in private life. His hobby was fishing, and wherever he went on his gruesome business he took his rods and tackle with him. It is told of him that once, when he had arrived at a small provincial town to carry out an execution, an official intimation was received ordering a postponement while the question of a reprieve was settled. Diebler spent the interval in fishing, and when a notification arrived that the sentence of death was to take effect, he calmly packed up his angling outfit, proceeded to the place of execution, and operated with the guillotine.—London Answers.

ALL THE FASHIONS.

In ancient times kings and queens were as assiduously copied by fashionmongers as are the Sovereigns of to-day. Many a well-known and long-lived fashion owes its origin to some accident on the part of a great ruler. Thus the peruke, which had so long a life, was due to the fact that Phillip, Duke of Burgundy, in order to cover up a bald head, took to wearing artificial hair, setting a fashion that became world-wide. Charles the Seventh of France, to cover up his misshapen legs, wore a long coat. This led to a fashion for long coats. The neck ruffs, which our sisters and cousins still wear, were first used by Queen Elizabeth to hide a none too comely neck. During the reign of George the Third the Duke of York fought a duel with a Colonel Lennox, who succeeded in shooting away one of his Royal Highness's curls. It thenceforward became the fashion to wear a curl on one side of the temple only.

WHICH FOOT WALKS FASTER?

You may think this a very silly question to ask, but it isn't. If you will take a pavement that is clear, and walk briskly in the centre, you will find, before you have gone fifty yards, that you have veered very much to one side. You must not make any effort, of course, to keep in the centre; but if you will think of something, and endeavor to walk naturally, you will not be able to keep a correct line. If you lise yourself on an expanse of bleak moorland, and walk on, you will have described a complete circle. The explanation of this lies in the propensity of one foot to walk faster than the other, or take a longer stride than the other, causing you to walk to one side. To make assurance doubly sure, try placing two sticks about 5 feet apart; then stand off about 60 feet., blindfolde yourself, and endeavor to walk between them. It is almost impossible.

A Boon for the Bilious. — The liver is a very sensitive organ and easily deranged. When this occurs there is undue secretion of bile and the acrid liquid flows into the stomach and sours it. It is a most distressing ailment, and many are prone to it. In this condition a man finds the best remedy in Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, which are warranted to speedily correct the disorder. There is no better medicine in the entire list of pill preparations.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

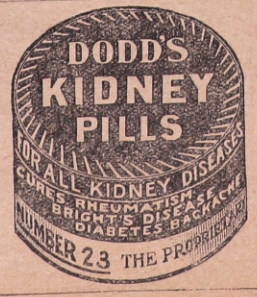
A man going home at a late hour in the night, saw that the occupants of a house standing flush with the street had left a window up, and he decided to warn them, and prevent a burglary.

Putting his head into the window he called out:

"Hello, good peop——"

That was all he said. A whole pailful of water struck him in the face, and, as he staggered back, a woman shrieked out:

"Didn't I tell you what you'd get if you wasn't home by nine o'clock!"



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GOT TO THE ROOT OF HIS TROUBLE

AND DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURED W. WRIGHT'S BACKACHE.

He had Suffered for Several Years but the Old Reliable Kidney Remedy Gave Him Quick Relief.

Kelvington, Sask., May 24th (Special).—"Yes, Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me of Backache, and I have recommended them to others who have also been cured." These are the words of William Wright, a farmer well known here. "I believe I inherited my trouble," Mr. Wright continues. "At times for several years it was very severe. I also suffered from Lumbago, and in the morning I had a bitter taste in my mouth and was troubled with dizziness and my skin was dry and harsh and there was a sediment in my urine.

"No treatment I could find gave me any permanent relief till finally believing that my kidneys were the root of my trouble, I determined to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. Four boxes cured me."

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A BAKER'S DOZEN.

Them as wants, must choose.
Them as has, must lose.
Them as knows, won't blab.
Them as guesses, will gaeb.
Them as borrows, sorrows.
Them as lends, spends.
Them as gives, lives.
Them as keeps dark, is deep.
Them as can earn, can keep.
Them as aims, hits.
Them as has, gits.
Them that waits, win.
Them as will, kin.

Do not delay in getting relief for the little folks. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is a pleasant and sure cure. If you love your child why do you let it suffer when a remedy is so near at hand?

TOYS ON TRAINS.

One of the English railways has provided an alleviation of the discomforts of travel which does not seem to have occurred to the companies in this country. It provides a box of toys with which a child may amuse itself during the journey. The box contains a cardboard reproduction of one of the trains of the road, also a station, and with little figures of passengers, guards, porters and newsboys.

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SORRY HE SPOKE.

"This policeman seems to be very certain about everything connected with my case," said the defendant charged with being drunk and disorderly, "but there is one weak point in his evidence, anyway. Why does he not call his fellow-officer to corroborate what he says?"

"The gentleman is a stranger in the district, your Honor," remarked the witness. "There's only one policeman stationed in the village, and that is myself."

"But," exclaimed the prisoner with some indignation, "I saw two policemen last night."

"Exactly," remarked the bench, "exactly. That is just the charge against you."

A Woman's Sympathy

Are you discouraged? Is your doctor's bill a heavy financial load? Is your pain a heavy physical burden? I know what these mean to delicate women—I have been discouraged, too; but learned how to cure myself. I want to relieve your burdens. Why not end the pain and stop the doctor's bill? I can do this for you and will if you will assist me.

All you need do is to write for a free box of the remedy which has been placed in my hands to be given away. Perhaps this one box will cure you—it has done so for others. If so, I shall be happy and you will be cured for 2c (the cost of a postage stamp). Your letters held confidentially. Write to-day for my free treatment. MRS. F. B CURRAH, Windsor, Ont.

LOSE WEIGHT AT NIGHT.

Don't rush off at once to the doctor if you find that during your sleep you have lost nearly four pounds. And don't get worried if you find that a brisk walk has involved a similar loss. Scientific investigation shows that the healthy human being is losing and gaining weight through the whole twenty-four hours. You are lightest just before breakfast, but one hour later you may have gained twenty-eight ounces; while, after losing and gaining off and on during the day, a good dinner in the evening will add no less than thirty-four ounces to your avoirdupois. The biggest drop takes place while man is in the arms of Morpheus, the average loss being three and a half pounds.

A worthless man always seems to have more friends than a worthless woman.

PALACE BUILT BY ONE MAN.

Took a Mail-carrier Twenty Years to Construct It.

The strangest-looking building ever put up by man is probably the palace which a French mailcarrier has erected for his own pleasure. "For ten long years," the owner of this house is reputed to have said, "I treasured in my mind a dream which took the form of a fantastic palace, with grottoes, towers, sculpture, etc., and it was my dream to build it myself."

Twenty-six years ago he began building his dream palace, and he has been at it ever since, until recently, when he stopped only because he had finished the palace. Every stone that went into it was picked up by himself; every stone was laid by him. The design was conceived in his own mind as he went on, and was carried out according to the extraordinary plan that he had imagined.

Now that the palace is finished it looks like a petrified dream in which the nightmare played a certain part. It is a fantastic nondescript, combining all architectural stiles and adorned with stone creatures which would defy the classification of a naturalist. In putting this stone phantasmagoria together the builder used no fewer than 3,500 sacks of cement.

The palace has subterranean passages in which rudely-sculptured elephants and imaginary monsters stand guard. In the very centre of the palace is a tomb, where the owner expects some day to lie. This is the most elaborately-carved bit of the whole house.

In the treatment of summer complaints, the most effective remedy that can be used is Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial. It is a standard preparation, and many people employ it in preference to other preparations. It is a highly concentrated medicine and its sedative and curative qualities are beyond question. It has been a popular medicine for many years and thousands can attest its superior qualities in overcoming dysentery and kindred complaints.

AN EXPLANATION.

"Why do you call her a cat?"

"She scratched me off her visiting list."

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Owing to the declining birth-rate in Iowa, $1 is to be paid to the mother of each child born in that State.

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MERE SUPPOSITION.

A traveller says that the natives of Madagascar perspire only on one side. We suppose that is the outside.

An Always Ready Pill.—To those of regular habit medicine is of little concern, but the great majority of men are not of regular habit. The worry and cares of business prevent it, and out of the irregularity of life comes dyspepsia, indigestion, liver and kidney troubles as a protest. The run-down system demands a corrective and there is none better than Parmelee's Vegetable Pills. They are simple in their composition and can be taken by the most delicately constituted.

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FOOLED.

Few women are more badly fooled than those who believe they regulate the habits of their husbands.

THE "BURLINGTON ROUTE"
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The Stirling News-Argus.

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1909.

More New Provinces

Forty years ago the people of eastern Canada were anxious for information concerning the agricultural and industrial possibilities of the Red River and Saskatchewan River valleys, which today are divided into the prosperous provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. More recently a similar interest developed regarding the potentialities of the Peace River and Mackenzie River areas. The desired information is furnished in a booklet issued by Mr. R. E. Young, D.L.S., under the direction of the Minister of the Interior.

The publication deals with the extensive tracts lying between Edmonton and the Arctic Ocean, and includes the Senate Committee reports of 1887-8, and a series of later returns.

Expert testimony shows that the farther north wheat, barley, oats and rye can successfully be grown the larger and heavier the ear and the better the quality of the grain. The farther north live stock graze the better they fatten. It is common knowledge that excellent wheat is grown at far north Hudson's Bay Company posts, and that grist-mills have been operated for years at Fort Vermilion, some hundreds of miles beyond Edmonton. For twenty years cattle have been kept with good results at Fort Good Hope in the Arctic circle. Stock has long been wintered at Lesser Slave Lake. The warm influence of the Chinook winds in winter is felt a considerable distance east of the Rockies, and as far north as the mouth of the Mackenzie River in the Arctic circle.

The shortness of the growing season in the fertile Northland is compensated for by the extreme length of the period of bright sunlight every summer day. In the higher latitudes the nights are short and the almost continuous daylight results in a surprisingly rapid growth of vegetation. In 1907 Inspector Jarvis, of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, reported from Salt Mountain, near the Slave River, that the country is eminently suitable for settlement. The ground is a rich clay loam, with abundant pasture. The trees, plants, vegetation generally, animal life, the advancement of the season, the rainfall and the soil exactly resemble those of Manitoba. There seems to be no reason to doubt that here is a new and larger Manitoba lying ready for settlement as soon as it is made accessible by better means of transportation.

The extent of the forest area and the commercial value of the growing timber have not been valued, but they are declared to be immense. The wealth of the country in minerals, in fisheries and in fur and feathered game is regarded as beyond computation. Inland navigation in the Mackenzie basin by river, channel and lake coast extends for 6,500 miles almost continuously. Judging from the information before us there lie just east of the Rocky Mountains two or three as yet uncharted Provinces approaching in natural resources and material possibilities those drained by the St. Lawrence River.—Toronto Star.

To Form a New Party

A special despatch to the Toronto Star from Peterboro, dated Tuesday, says; It is expected that the Sovereign Grand Orange Lodge of British North America will decide on the formation of a third party in Dominion politics at its annual meeting which opens to-morrow.

The matter will come up in the shape of a memorial from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, which passed a resolution favoring action.

It is understood that Orangemen in general are dissatisfied with the work of both of the great national parties. The fact that no punishment was visited on the Literal party for passing the educational clauses of the autonomy bill, is blamed on the timidity of the leader of the Conservative party. Many Orangemen are said to feel that both parties are catering to the French Roman Catholic vote, and that little real opposition to clerical aggression will develop until a strong independent Protestant party is formed. Goldwin Smith and other prominent men outside of the order are known to favor this course.

In this connection arises a rumor that a change of leadership in the Orange Association itself is desired. One report has it that John Ross Robertson will be urged to accept the Sovereign Grand Mastership and institute more aggressive measures.

It is likely a committee will be appointed by the Sovereign Lodge this week to draft a platform for a great protestant party, and the Sovereign Grand Lodge will adopt it next year. That will allow the new party time to get in good shape for the next federal elections. The movement will not be definitely affiliated with Orangeism, it is hoped, but be broad enough to get support from Protestants of all classes.

President Eldridge, of the South Wellington Teachers' Association has some strong opinions on the uselessness of the entrance examination. Had he the power he would wipe it out of existence. He said, in his annual address before the convention, "The height of many a child's ambition is to pass the entrance and, sad to say, it is the height of many a parent's ambition also. Boys and girls manage to pass the entrance about eleven or twelve years of age and then have to quit just when they are getting their eyes opened. The restoration of the old public school leaving examination would be a great benefit."

It was a pleasure to meet the large number of "Old Boys and Girls" at the reunion on Monday last, some coming from Montreal on the east and from Toronto on the west, Peterboro and intermediate points. It is hoped we may have more of such reunions in the future.

Victoria Day Celebration a Brilliant Success

The Largest Crowd that Stirling has Ever Seen, Spent the Holiday Here

Many Old Boys and Girls Renew Former Acquaintances

Victoria Day, on which all eyes have been focused for many weeks, has come and gone, but as a pleasant holiday and a brilliant event it will long remain in the memories of the thousands who came here. From every viewpoint the day was a decided success. The weather was perfect, the street decorations excellent, the parades superior, the field sports well contested, the music splendid, the concert entertaining, and the visitors pleased, all of which is very gratifying to those who worked to accomplish these results.

On Friday evening last the decorators began their work and by Saturday afternoon the town had put on its most brilliant holiday trimmings. Almost every street was hung with flags, bunting, ensigns and banners, and the words of appreciation, compliments and congratulations of the visiting Old Boys and Girls expressed their pleasure at seeing their old town presenting an appearance which would be highly creditable to any city in the Dominion.

The opening of the day's proceedings was on the same scale as all the other features, for at 3.30 a.m. a number of vivacious spirits were on parade, with fire-crackers, horns, drums, torpedoes, cannons, carbide cans and blunderbusses, endeavoring to call their friends from the Land of Nod, and by the garb in which many appeared at the up-stair windows it is judged that all inhabitants of that fair country are robed in spotless white.

After so demonstrative an introduction to the first rays of morning light, it was not surprising that at an early hour the streets were thronged with people free from the dominion of the Sandman, their faces beaming with true holiday smiles.

At nine o'clock the morning Calithumpian procession began to form and within an hour over one hundred costumed participants were on parade. The pageant was one long to be remembered, as the variety of costumes the excellent make-up and clever acting of some of the characters was a surprise even to the committee who organized the scheme. The line of march was from the mill yard along Mill street, up Front street and over to the station to meet the eastbound train, back along Church street, down North and up Front to the Agricultural grounds, where the baseball match between Madoc and Stirling was played.

The game was a good one and clearly showed that a little practice will make some exceptionally clever ball players. The score was 10–9 in favor of the home team.

At one o'clock the Foxboro and Frankford bands, the latter in costume, again headed the Calithumpian procession, and although not as large as in the morning, it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, and was unanimously voted as an unique feature in the day's entertainment.

The schools' parade was the first item on the program, and River Valley, West Huntingdon and Sine were contestants. Very great credit is due the teachers, pupils and parents for the superior showing made by each of these sections, and the enthusiasm put into this contest. The dress, uniformity, discipline, order and general appearance were commendable in every case. The prizes were awarded to the schools in the order above named, $15 to the first, $10 to the second, and $5 to the third, with special prizes to each of the teachers.

The five mile Marathon race then came on, for which the following entries were made: H. Palmer and R. Haines, Trenton Y. M. C. A.; Wm. Graine, Stirling; Ross McConnell, Springbrook; Frank Jeffs, Hoards; C. C. Campbell and John MacDonald, Marmora; G. Robinson, Peterboro, and D. Reid of Campbellford. The last two were not allowed to compete, as they reside outside the county of Hastings. In the first two laps McDonald led, Campbell dropping out. In the third McConnell and Haines quit, leaving McDonald, Palmer, Jeffs and Graine still in the race, McDonald continued to lead in the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th rounds, Graine dropping out in the 6th. Jeffs then sprinted forward and held an easy first place throughout the remainder of the race, McDonald quitting in the 8th. Palmer finished about one hundred yard behind Jeffs. The prizes for this race were a silver cup to the winner and to the second a silver medal. The winner, Frank Jeffs, is a son of Mr. Fred Jeffs of Hoard's, and is only 16 years old. He finished the race in such excellent form that we predict for him a brilliant future among the long distance and fast runners.

In the one mile race there were ten entries, R. Haines and A. Raymond, Trenton Y. M. C. A.; Wm. Graine, Stirling; Edgar Foster, Moira; G. Robinson, Peterboro; Ivan Tapping, Hastings; Norman Payne, Stirling; W. S. Dracup, Wellman's; Wesley and Gilbert Wallace, Frankford. This was a good race and the time was exceptionally fast, W. S. Dracup carrying off the gold watch, G. Robinson the silver medal, and Norman Payne the suit case.

Several little girls under ten years of age demonstrated their swiftness of foot, the victors being Mildred Sine and Edith Graine. The prizes given the winners of the 100 yard dash for boys under fifteen were carried off by Floyd Garrison and Earl Caverley. In the sack race W. J. Graine and J. Arnold Raymond bore away the colors, and in the three legged race Messrs. Geo. G. Goodsell and Roy Smith got first and Messrs. Frank Jeffs and W. J. Graine second. It is not known whether rheumatism is more prevalent now than in past years or whether the age question is a more delicate one than heretofore, but no entries were made in the race open to ladies over 25 years of age, much to the disappointment of many interested spectators.

Masters Earl Caverley and Ernest Gould are each wearing a new pair of boots won in the boot race for boys under 15 years, and as a reward for his exertions in the fat man's race, Mr. H. Wallace is the possessor of a new fishing rod, and Mr. A. McInroy cracks a rawhide whip. In the 100 yard dash there were 15 entries, and finish between several was very close. The award was given to W. J. Graine, with J. Arnold Raymond second.

The prizes for the running broad jump were won by Berton E. Potts, distance 18 ft. 2½ ins., and W. J. Graine, distance 17 ft. 8 ins.; in the running, hop, step and jump by Mr. A. Mackay, 35 ft., 8 ins., and J. Arnold Raymond, 33 ft., 11 ins.

The ladies under 25 years were not afraid to let their ages be known, for six entries were made, the laurels being given to Misses Emma Fargey and Mabel Fargey.

A special attraction at any demonstration is always the horse races, and on Monday they were equal to any ever held in this district. In the 2.20 class, purse $100, Walter G., owned by Ambrose Dafoe, won first money. Guy, owned by Clem Armstrong took second place, and Lady Hamburg, the property of Harford Ashley, came in third. The two first named horses were very evenly matched and furnished a very interesting trial of speed.

The horses entering the 2.35 class were Little Bob, the property of Dr. D. Faulkner, Lucy C., owned by A. Dafoe, and Baron, a young colt from the Ashley Stock Farm. The money, $60, was won by the horses in the order above named.

The field sports were closed by a tug-of-war between Rawdon and Huntingdon. This was a hard and long pull, for some minutes neither side gaining an inch, but at last the rope began to move slowly toward the Rawdonites, and an advantage gained giving them renewed courage, they soon had their opponents across the line and were proclaimed victors.

In the evening the Opera House was packed to the doors with a most attentive and much pleased audience. The program consisted of—

1. Piano Trio—Misses E. Black, M. Currie, F. Brown.
2. Solo—Miss L. Faulkner.
3. Mr. Wilson.
4. Chorus, "Welcome Home."
5. Mr. Wilson
6. Cornet solo—Geo. Gazley.
7. Mr. Wilson.
8. Recitation—Miss F. Bailey.
9. Mr. Wilson.
10. Solo—Miss M. Free.
11. Dance—Earl Heard.
12. Mr. Wilson.
13. Barn Dance and Chorus.
14. Mr. Wilson.

The selections were all exceptionally well rendered, and the appreciation of the audience was expressed by the frequent demands for encores. Mr. Wilson was called upon for two selections on each appearance, and delighted his hearers with his songs, grimaces, witticisms and appropriate costumes. Mrs. H. H. Alger most acceptably filled the position of accompanist for the evening, and Mr. L. Meiklejohn occupied the chair.

The total receipts for the day were approximately $1035, and after all accounts have been paid it is expected that the Fire Brigade will have $550 to procure uniforms and other necessary equipment. Here the Firemen wish to thank all who so ably assisted in making the day so brilliant a success, especially those who took part in the Calithumpian procession both in the morning and afternoon, those who assisted in carrying out the day's program, in putting on the concert in the evening, and John Hutcheson of Toronto, who procured some of the comic costumes.

The Masonic Hall was open as a headquarters for Old Boys and Girls, sixty of whom registered their names. Many others were here who did not register, and it is estimated that 2000 visitors spent the holiday here.

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Friday, May 28th,

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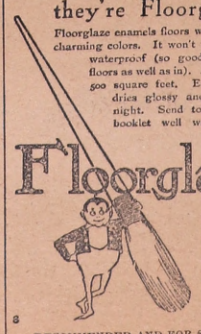

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THE MYSTERIOUS KEY

OR, PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE.

CHAPTER IV.—(Cont'd)

Meantime, Lady Bromley had also been having rather an exciting adventure.

On the day that Gerald left for New Haven, she went down-town to do some shopping.

She had nearly completed her errands, having made most of her purchases in one of the large stores, and was standing by a tall case of goods, when she observed two girls—evidently belonging to the establishment—skulking on the other side of the case and conversing in a strangely suspicious manner.

"Did you get a chance to do it, Jane?" inquired one of the other.

"Yes; we basted the handkerchief into her cape—between the lining and the outside—while she was gone to her lunch; she didn't wear the thing out to-day."

"Good! Now we shall get rid of her sure. The idea of taking such a girl as that on laces! Bah! Miss Leiter would never have done it if that rich doctor she's so fond of hadn't requested it as a favor. Which one did you tack into the cape?" asked voice number one.

"Oh, that nice one that was hung up as a sample—the ten-dollar one," replied the other. "Won't the super just rave when she finds it's gone? She's responsible, you know. Then the hunt will begin, and our glum little greenhorn will be walked off to the station-house in short order. You can give the alarm now as as soon as you choose. Hush! there comes a floor-walker, and we must scoot."

And the two salesgirls quickly separated and slipped away, but not before the floor-walker espied them, as he suddenly rounded a counter, and frowned at this breach of rules.

Lady Bromley remained by the case for some minutes after they disappeared, thinking vigorously, a troubled expression on her fair face.

What she had overheard convinced her that two envious girls were plotting a great wrong against a fellow clerk, toward whom they had conceived a feeling of enmity.

It was evident that they were all employed at the lace-counter, and had made use of some valuable article to carry out their nefarious purpose. She was in doubt whether she ought to report what she had learned to one of the floor-walkers, or inquire for the superintendent of the lace-department, and quietly put her on her guard, so that when the affair should come to a crisis she would know just how to meet it.

At last a bright idea flashed into her mind. She would go to the lace-counter, call for some handkerchiefs, and while examining them, watch for developments. She at once proceeded to put her plan into execution. As she made her request for the article desired, a box was immediately passed out to her, when she instantly recognized the clerk who was serving her as one of the plotters.

She leisurely examined the handkerchiefs, and all the time was quietly observant of what was going on about her, until presently she noticed a wan, timid-looking girl who was showing another lady some fine Valencinnes edging.

"That is doubtless the poor little victim," she said to herself. Then she remarked aloud to the clerk who was serving her: "Here is a handkerchief which I like very much, but there is a flaw in it. Have you a perfect one like it?"

An evil light instantly sprang into the girl's eyes.

"No, madam, I have no more like that, but we have a very nice one—a real bargain—that has just been marked down from twelve to ten dollars," she glibly replied, as she glanced up at the line above her head, where there was a choice display of various kinds of laces.

"Ah!" she exclaimed, with a well-assumed start of surprise; "it isn't here! I'm afraid it is gone. Miss Leiter"—turning to a tall, sedate young woman near her—"where is that ten-dollar handkerchief? Has it been sold?"

"No, not that I know of; it was on the line before I went to lunch," the superintendent replied, and at once began to look about for the desired article.

Of course, it was not to be found; and then there followed a general search, under somewhat exciting conditions, for the dainty and costly thing, each attendant protesting that she had not seen it. Lady Bromley stood by, an intensely interested observer, while she noticed that the timid-looking girl seemed very nervous, and had grown quite pale.

"Girls, this is very strange!" Miss Leiter at length sternly remarked; "that handkerchief must be found! It could not have disappeared without hands, and, as it was here when I went out to lunch, I shall hold you responsible for it!"

At this the excitement seemed to increase; drawers were nervously looked over, boxes were pulled from beneath the counter, sacks and capes also shaken out, satchels and hats examined.

The quiet girl had her cape upon her arm, and was bending down to look under the counter from where she had taken it, when one of her companions attracted Miss Leiter's attention, and pointed to a gleam of something white in a fold of the shabby wrap.

The superintendent, an indignant flush upon her cheek, pounced upon the supposed offender at once, snatched the cape from her, and, turning it inside out, exposed to view the missing handkerchief, carefully basted to the lining.

"Well!" she exclaimed, holding it up before the almost paralyzed girl; "this is a pretty return for the influence I used to get you a place at this counter! What will Doctor Ashmore say, I wonder, when he learns that you have been stealing right before our eyes?"

The girl was now as pale as ashes, a look of horror was in her eyes.

"I didn't steal it—I never knew it was there!" she cried, but cowering beneath the accusing glances of her associates, as under a blow.

"That is a likely story!" scornfully retorted Miss Leiter. "Here, Mr. Wall"—signaling to a floor-walker, who, attracted by the excitement, had drawn near, "this is a case for you to settle," and, holding up the cape and handkerchief, she rehearsed the story as it appeared to her.

The man took the garment from her, and looked it over. Then he turned almost fiercely upon the supposed culprit.

"Come out of there!" he commanded, "and I will walk you, without ceremony, up to the office, where this matter will be investigated!"

The poor child was trembling like a leaf, but she made no protest, uttered no complaint, and Lady Bromley's gentle heart ached for her.

As she came meekly out from behind the counter, her ladyship stepped quietly to her side, and, facing the floor-walker, remarked in a low tone, but with a dignity which instantly impressed him:

"I will go with her—I happen to know something about this affair which I would like to state to some one in authority here."

Mr. Wall regarded the beautiful woman with surprise, and his manner instantly underwent a remarkable change.

"Certainly, madam—certainly," he said affably; "this way, if you please. I sincerely hope that this very unfortunate occurrence can be satisfactorily explained," and he led the stately matron and the shrinking girl toward the office, while they were followed by the wondering glances of every one who had witnessed the incident.

Upon reaching the elegant and commodious office, Lady Bromley presented her card to the courteous gentleman who arose to receive her; when, upon reading the name and title thereon engraved, he became even more complaisant than before.

Accepting the seat offered her, she told her story in a calm, straightforward manner, which admitted of no doubt. She described minutely the girls whose conversation she had overheard, and also the floor-walker whose appearance had sent them scudding back to their places.

Both floor-walker and girls were immediately summoned, when the former corroborated Lady Bromley's statements regarding his having seen the culprits talking together behind the case of goods; while the girls, frightened beyond description, in view of this unexpected denouement, confessed their sin and begged for mercy. They also stated that their grudge against their victim had been caused by the fact that Miss Leiter had favored her, securing for her, at the request of some rich doctor, a position which they had been obliged to work up to.

Their petition was granted, in so far that they were not arrested for what they had done; but they were immediately discharged from the employment of the firm.

The manager spoke kindly to the injured girl, and told her that she could go back to her place, where in all probability, she would have no further trouble; but, bursting into tears, she said she wouldn't remain in the store; she would never know a minute's peace from the fear that a similar trick might be played upon her again, when she would not be likely to escape as she had upon this occasion.

"Very well," she was coldly informed; "she could do as she chose."

Lady Bromley tried to argue with her, to reassure her; but she was obdurate, whereupon she was paid what was due her, and thus her connection with the house was also severed.

"Have you a home?" her ladyship questioned, as they both left the office, and were on their way below.

"No, ma'am; I've got to work for my living; and I've no idea what I will do now; but I can't stay here. I've been wretched ever since I came, for those girls have tormented me almost to death," the girl returned, with a passionate ring of pain in her voice.

"But they will be here no longer," said her companion.

"I can't help it; the others are almost as bad; they're envious because I didn't have to work up."

"Poor child! I am sorry for you," sympathetically returned Lady Bromley. "What is your name?"

"Ellen Carson, ma'am."

CHAPTER V.

"What did you do before you came into the store?" her ladyship questioned, upon learning the name of her protege.

"I helped take care of the children in Doctor Ashmore's family, for a couple of months. But they've gone to Europe now, and the doctor got me this place. You see, I broke my arm last July, and he thought this kind of work would be easier for me," the girl explained. "He's been kind to Miss Leiter, too," she added; "so, to please him, she got me into the place."

"Was not Miss Leiter kind to you?"

"Yes; but she couldn't keep the girls from being hateful. I don't like store work, anyway; we're packed in so close, and my feet swell and ache from the standing."

"But what will you do now that you have given up the position?"

"Oh, I suppose I shall go to some employment office, and try to find a place as nurse, or up-stairs girl," was the response in a weary tone.

"Can you sew, Ellen?" Lady Bromley questioned, after thinking over the situation during the few moments they were going down the elevator.

"Yes, marm; and I can sew real good, too," said the girl, brightening; "I used to help make boys' jackets when I lived with aunt."

"Why are you not living with her now?"

"I ran away!"

"Why did you do that?"

"Because she kept me digging so I couldn't stand it."

"'Digging!' What do you mean?"

"Well, she and my cousin made jackets for a living, and I had to do all the housework, and help them, besides; it was just a slave's life. But about four months ago I broke my arm, and then, because I couldn't work, they nearly starved me to death. Doctor Ashmore wondered what made me grow so thin and weak, and the day I went to have the splints taken off I dropped like a lump of lead in his office; then he found that I didn't have enough to eat."

"Oh, how can people be so cruel?" murmured Lady Bromley, with a shiver.

"I reckon you never knew what it is to be poor," said the girl, lifting a curious look to her face; "it—it just makes devils of people. Well, the doctor was so mad he told me I could go to stay with him for a while, and help the nurse to care for the children, if I wanted to. I just jumped at the chance, and told him I'd come the next day. I didn't mean that Aunt Lu should know where to find me, so that night I tied up some things in a bundle, and just at daylight I stole out of the house, and later went to the doctor's, where I stayed until the family went to Europe, when I came here to work."

"I suppose you wouldn't care to go back to your aunt," said Lady Bromley musingly.

"I'd rather drown myself," the girl broke forth passionately, "besides, she's broke up now."

"Broke up! What do you mean?"

"She doesn't live where she used to. I don't know where she is."

"How would you like to come to say with me for a few days, while you are looking about for another place?" her ladyship inquired.

"I'd like it," said Ellen eagerly; "you look kind—you make me think of a young lady who was good to me when I broke my arm; your voice is sweet and gentle, like hers. Why, she gave me ten dollars! I bought this gown with part of it," glancing down at the cheap black alpaca; "it's the first decent dress I've had since my uncle died."

"Well," said her new friend, "you may get your hat and come with me; I have been thinking that I should like to have some one to wait upon me, and run upon errands. I will try you for a few days; then, if I find the arrangement satisfactory, and you are contented, we will talk further about making it permanent."

"Thank you—thank you! I am sure I shall be contented," said Ellen, with more animation than she had yet exhibited, her gloomy face lighting with real pleasure at the prospect before her, and making her seem like another person.

A few minutes later they stepped into Lady Bromley's carriage, and were driven to the Normandie, where her ladyship installed her new maid in a tiny bedroom, at the rear of her suite, and which the neglected girl claimed was the "nicest room she had ever slept in," and thus she began, under a gentle and judicious training, a new life, that was destined to change the tenor of her whole future.

(To be continued.)

About the Farm

ARSENITE OF LIME.

From the number of letters we have received during the past few weeks from orchardists, more especially in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, it is very evident that there is much confusion respecting the preparation of arsenite of lime. As a misunderstanding in this matter might lead to a very considerable loss, through injury to the foliage, it is well that one or two of the essential points in the process should be explained and emphasized.

The first step in the process is the preparation of arsenite of soda, by the boiling together of white arsenic and washing soda (carbonate of soda, in crystals). The proportions generally recommended are: White arsenic, 1 pound; washing soda, 4 pounds; water, 1 gallon. A few minutes' boiling usually suffices to dissolve the arsenic and soda, and the result is a solution of arsenite of soda. This cannot be used as a spray, as it is strongly corrosive, and would very quickly strip the trees of their foliage. It must be converted into arsenite of lime:

The conversion of the arsenite of soda into arsenite of lime constitutes the second and very essential part of the process. It may be accomplished in one or two ways, as follows:

Thoroughly slake two pounds of good, fresh quicklime, and stir into 40 gallons of water; then pour in, with constant stirring of the limewater, one pint of the arsenite of soda solution. The spray is ready for use immediately as the formation of arsenite of lime takes place at once. This spray contains as much arsenic as one made by adding 4 ounces of Paris green to 40 gallons. The above proportions allow for a fair excess of lime, which serves the double purpose of preventing injury to foliage, and of making visible the degree of thoroughness with which the spray has been applied.

2. With Bordeaux Mixture.—This is the more common method, as it allows the employment of a fungicide and insecticide in the one one spray. Bordeaux mixture, made according to the formula used so successfully for so many years, viz., 4:4:40 (four pounds lime, four pounds bluestone, and forty gallons water), contains a sufficient excess of lime to allow the addition of one pint of arsenite-of-soda solution to a barrel of 40 gallons. All that is necessary is to pour the requisite quantity of arsenite of soda (one pint) into the barrel of Bordeaux, stirring meanwhile. We have now Bordeaux mixture containing as much arsenic as the "poisoned Bordeaux mixture," in which 4 ounces of Paris green per barrel has been used.

In conclusion, may I further emphasize the necessity of clearly distinguishing between arsenite of soda and arsenate of soda. It is the former that is used in the preparation of arsenite of lime (just described), and the latter which is necessary for making the arsenate-of-lead spray. Failure to recognize that there are these two classes of compounds—arsenites and arsenates—each with its own characteristics, has frequently resulted in loss and disappointment.—Frank T. Shutt, Chemist Dominion Exp. Farms.

LIVE STOCK NOTES.

Teach the young colt to eat a mixture of crushed oats, wheat bran and oilmeal as soon as possible.

Work with pigeons is not hard, but it is constant, and little details must not be neglected. One's patience will be tried in many ways, and it will be necessary to make up the mind to stick like glue.

Sheep require very careful management. They need the right kind of food, just the right quantity of it, dry healthful range and pasture, and plenty of fresh air. When rightly managed they are the most profitable of farm stock—even in these depressed times—but, otherwise, they come to grief more quickly and more fatally than any other.

English farmers, who make so large a use of turnips in fattening sheep and cattle, generally estimate the feeding value of turnips at eight to fifteen shillings per gross ton, which would be $2 to $3.75 per ton, and fodder beets have about the same feeding value as Swede turnips. They will see by this that beets, at $15 per ton, would be much dearer as a substitute for green feed in winter than linseed meal. One ton of the latter has as much nutriment as eight tons of beets; or one pound of cake meal, costing 2¼ cents, is equal to eight pounds of beets, costing six cents.

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In his turn the jeweler showed it to a detective, who recognized it as a pearl worth $8,000, which had been lost or stolen a year before in Paris, and which he had been commissioned to trace and, if possible, recover.

The detective started investigating, step by step, the history of the jewel in the twelve months, and was able not only to ascertain exactly through what hands it had passed, but to annul each successive deal of which it had been the subject, from the $4,000 paid by the London jeweler down even to the francs which the charwoman had got for her find.

DOG DAYS—CAT NIGHTS.

I hold it true
With those who say
That every dog
Must have his day.

Howe'er, I do
Not think it right
That every cat
Should have a night.

APPROPRIATE.

"Here, clerk! I'm in a hurry. I want a book for my husband. It's his birthday, and I want it for a present. Show me what you have and be quick about it! Nothing too expensive, mind you; and I don't want anything too cheap, either, do you hear? He's a mild-mannered man, and not fond of sports, so don't show me anything in that line. For goodness' sake don't offer me any of these trashy novels, and, no matter how much you try to persuade me, I won't take anything in the way of history or biography. Come, now I'm in a dreadful hurry, and I've already wasted too much time here. Of course, you don't know my husband, but from all I've said can't you suggest something appropriate?"

"Yes, ma'am. Here is a little volume entitled 'How to Manage a Talking Machine.'"

Some of the railway bridges in Mexico are built of white marble.

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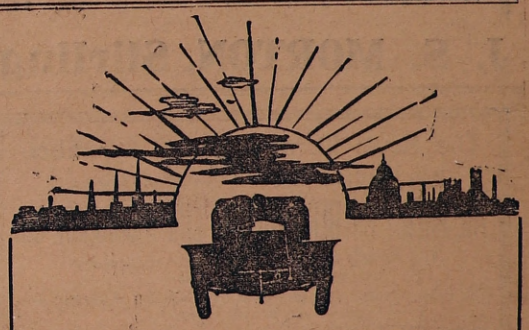

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Fire in Madoc

$10,000 Damage Done on Wednesday Night

From the Madoc Review

The worst fire in some years visited Madoc last night (May 19th) the total loss being estimated at $10,000. The fire started about 2 o'clock, and was first noticed in rear of the Harper block, where it quickly spread to the interior of that building, thence to T. L. Nickle's building in the north, and the adjoining building owned by P. W. O'Flynn; back of these blocks the bake shop of Wm. Sager and the storehouse of Frank Dafoe, all of which were entirely consumed.

The individual losses and insurance are as follows, as far as the Review has been able to learn:

Dr. Harper's block, valued at $3,000; insurance $1,800.

B. J. McKerracher, printing material insurance, $600.

T. L. Nickle, value of building and contents, over $5,000; partially covered by insurance. Mr. Nickle lost all his stock of furs, etc., in the upper storey; the rigs and contents on the ground floor were all saved.

P. W. O'Flynn had a lot of furniture stored in the upper rooms of his building, but in his absence we cannot get particulars as to loss or insurance.

R. R. Casement, owner of storehouse, loss $600, no insurance.

Frank Dafoe, partial contents of storehouse, heavy material, such as bar iron, steel, cement, tar, etc., loss about $500, no insurance.

Bake shop in connection with the Harper block, occupied by Wm. Sager, who loses about $100.

The Ferguson block was slightly damaged, covered by insurance.

Messrs. Kemp and Barton to the south had the contents of their shops carried out but loss will be slight.

Tenants in the other buildings whose goods were also removed, were: Pine's barber shop and J. A. Chambers in O'Flynn's block; H. H. Johnson in Ferguson's block, and W. K. Blair, agricultural implements, etc., adjoining.

The fire engine "went bad" early in the fire, and unfortunately did little effective service when most needed.

The old hand engine was again brought into use and did good work. The firemen worked well under the discouraging circumstances.

PORTLAND, MAINE, CHILD Ill, Weak and Emaciated, Restored to Health by Vinol

"Our little daughter, six years of age, after a severe attack of the measles, which developed into pneumonia, was left pitifully thin, weak and emaciated. She had no appetite, and her stomach was so weak it could not retain food. She lay in this condition for weeks, and nothing the doctor prescribed did a bit of good, and we were beginning to think she would never recover.

"At this time we commenced to give her Vinol, and the effect was marvelous. The doctor was amazed at her progress, and when we told him we were giving her Vinol, he replied, 'It is a fine remedy, keep it up.' We did so, and she recovered her health and strength months before the doctor thought she could." J. W. Flagg, Portland, Me.

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Notice to Creditors

In the Matter of the Estate of James F. Cooney, late of the village of Stirling, in the county of Hastings, Gentleman, deceased.

Notice is hereby given in pursuance of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, chap. 129, section 38, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the late James F. Cooney, who died on or before the first day of May, A.D. 1909, are required on or before the 10th day of June, A.D. 1909, to send by post prepaid, or to deliver to Adam D. Cooney or Robert Eggleton, the Executors of the last will and testament of James F. Cooney, at the village of Stirling, in the county of Hastings, Stirling post office, or their Solicitor as hereunder, at Stirling post office, their Christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions and full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts and the nature of their securities, if any, held by them, verified by affidavit.

And further notice is given that after such last mentioned date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only for the claims of which they shall have notice, and that the Executors will not be liable for such assets, or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received.

And notice is further given that all persons indebted to the said deceased must pay the amount of their indebtedness to the said Executors or their Solicitor hereunder, forthwith.

G. G. THRASHER,
Solicitor for Executors.

A DETECTIVE'S RUSE.

Clever Method by Which He Secured Some Evidence.

"I had to resort to a queer ruse once to get an admission from a man I was after," said a private detective. "There had been some trouble at a club between two young men. One threw a glass of wine into the other's face. The other did not resent the insult as he should have done. When his father heard of it he threatened to disinherit his son unless he whipped the man who had thrown the wine in his face. The father was a member of the same club, and he made a wager of a wine supper that his son could and would whip the other fellow. Soon after this the son met the man who had insulted him and whipped him. The fight occurred on a prominent street, and as two of the young man's friends were with him at the time there was talk of an action against them and his father for conspiracy. Our agency was retained to get the evidence needed.

"It was decided that it would be necessary to get an admission from the father of the young man who had made the assault. I was told to get it. I tried many ways and failed. He did not know I was a detective. He had known me for a number of years, but thought I was engaged in other work. I had another plan to get from him what I wanted. I told him a metropolitan publication was having the affair written up and illustrated.

"I said I had seen the picture of the fight which had been prepared for it. He was pleased at the publicity that the fight was to get, for the story of the affair at the club had been printed, and he wanted it known that his son had avenged the insult. I intimated that if he cared to see it I thought I could get him the picture that had been prepared for publication. He was eager to see it.

"I had a friend, a newspaper artist, who made me a picture. He made a faithful copy of the street scene where the fight occurred, and he made a fair likeness of the figures in it. The picture showed one man stealing up behind another and striking him from the rear. Behind him were two other men, who were supposed to have accompanied him to see fair play. The father was thought to have been in the neighborhood, but as he wasn't seen he was left off the picture. He examined it carefully.

"'Who are these two men?' he asked, pointing to the two onlookers.

"'They are the two Blacks, who went along with your son to see that he got fair play,' I told him.

"'That's all right,' he said, 'but who is this?' pointing at the man who was striking at the other from behind.

"'Why, that's your son,' I told him.

"'That's a lie!' he exclaimed. 'My son stood right in front of him and hit him squarely in the face. I told him to do that and stand up in front of him all the time. I was right across the street, and the two men who were with my son were close enough to see all that happened. They will tell you that he did not hit him from behind. He faced him fairly and whipped him fairly. That was the way we made it up to do. If that's printed I'll whip the man who made it!'

"It wasn't printed, nor were there any court proceedings taken on account of the alleged conspiracy. The men concerned in it on both sides got together and settled it out of court."

"The Ghost Bloke."

The writer once overheard an amusing conversation outside the New Bailey, London, England. Prof. Pepper, the great criminal analyst and chemist, had been giving his evidence in a murder case, and a couple of costers were standing on the pavement discussing the chances of the prisoner. "This 'ere bloke Pepper seems to have wrapped it up for 'im (prisoner) orlright," said one. "What 'e?" "Why, the ghost bloke. He sees things what other people carn't; and lor' help the chap he gives evidece agin." Probably Prof. Pepper would not feel very flattered to know that he was confounded with the man who originated the far-famed Pepper's ghosts—that thrilling entertainment of our childhood; but the two costers are not the only people who have credited him with having dealings with the supernatural.

Taken by Surprise.

There are some hospitable creatures who are greatly disturbed if they cannot meet every demand made on them, although there are cases when it is ridiculous to expect them to be able to be equal to the occasion. Recently a barn took fire on a large estate, and the firemen of the village worked hard to put out the flames. After it was all over the husband asked the fire-fighters into the house to partake of coffee and whatever edibles were on hand. His wife welcomed the men with steaming cups of coffee, doughnuts and pies. Then she said apologetically, "Oh, if I had only known this was going to happen, I would have had a lot of things baked up."

An Old-Fashioned Woman.

There was an old-fashioned woman who would blush if company caught her with less than six different kinds of cake and seven different kinds of preserves in the house. If a guest liked coffee for supper, she thought it was right that she should have it. Her pies were always rich, and she used lots of butter and cream. She had never heard of the diet cure and believed in people eating just what they liked. What a pity it is that she isn't alive, so we folks who are tired of dieting could go and visit her!

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